

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Fair Deal Call

THE subject of taxation provided the major interest at Wednesday's Legislative Council meeting, the Financial Secretary being occupied first in explaining why Government had decided to abolish the liquor and meals tax and increase excise duties on certain types of liquor, and later in introducing for first reading a Bill authorising the issuing of tax reserve certificates.

The Financial Secretary made no attempt to hide his relief at being able to rid Government and the public of an unworkable imposition, and as nobody regrets the removal of taxation, abandonment of the levy on meals and drinks consumed in restaurants and hotels is widely welcomed.

MANY, however, will pause and ponder over one reason which prompted Government's decision. According to the Hon Arthur Clarke, complaints had been made that the 10 per cent tax on meals and intoxicating liquors placed restaurants at a heavy disadvantage in competing with clubs and with outside catering. Secretaries, treasurers and committee members of clubs in the Colony will not only learn of this intelligence with surprise, but will not believe it. It simply isn't true, and it is astonishing that restaurants should seriously advance such a complaint and that Government should have given it credence.

It is only necessary to consider the very limited number of clubs which attempt full catering on the lines of a restaurant to appreciate that they never have been and never will be dangerous competitors to restaurants or hoteliers. A much more convincing reason for eliminating the meals and liquor tax is that which the Financial Secretary mentioned in passing, namely that it was an unpopular imposition "much evaded illegally."

There will be general agreement that if a tax can be and is successfully evaded both legally and illegally, then the best thing to do is to put an end to such a futile imposition.

Q UITE the most important part of the Financial Secretary's speech was the revelation of Government's concession to restaurants and hotels by the abolition of licence fees based on rateable value of premises and the application of a flat rate fee of \$600, with an additional \$600 if a bar is kept. This represents a very substantial gain for the Colony's larger catering establishments, and it will be interesting to see whether proper appreciation of the gesture will be displayed in the way of refusing to pass on to consumers the increased excise duty on spirits.

Mr Clarke expresses the opinion that the cost to the consumer of a drink on licensed premises should not be increased; indeed, except in the case of Chinese liquor, it could and should be reduced. It is a pleasant, warming prospect, and we shall be among the first to congratulate the proprietors of licensed premises if they accept the Financial Secretary's proposition as willingly as they will embrace his new licensing system.

Hongkong's

A full page of pictures of Hongkong's dazzling annual exhibition of industry and its products appears in tomorrow's China Mail.

This special feature gives you a glimpse of the fascinating display that is drawing thousands daily to its well-lit "streets."

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# "PARTY MUST DECIDE"—GAITSKELL

## A Bitter Fight For Attlee's Position Forecast



MORRISON



BEVAN

### PRISON FOR STUDENT

London, Dec. 8. Itaz Ahmad Malik, 27, a student from Lahore, was today sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for fraudulently converting a cheque for £100 to his own use.

Malik was sent to prison for 12 months in November for breaching and two days later he received a sentence of nine months for a similar offence.

A detective inspector and Malik committed the present offence owing to "his addiction to night clubs, high living and women."

The defence counsel said Malik came from a wealthy family who were not going to abandon him and the judge said he hoped that Malik would decide at the end of his sentence that London was no place for him.—France-Press.

### Beggar Who Owns 30-Acre Farm

Peshawar, Pakistan, Dec. 8. A beggar, rounded up with 50 others and sent to the new municipal poorhouse, was released when it was found he owned a house and a 30-acre farm.

He said begging was his hereditary profession.

Many others, dressed in rags, also demanded to be let out. One said he was afraid the poorhouse would be unable to supply his customary six cups of tea, three packets of cigarettes and "ration" of opium a day.—China Mail Special.

### Neutrality Acknowledged

Vienna, Dec. 8. West Germany has acknowledged the neutrality of Austria, a government spokesman said here tonight.—Reuters.

### Exhibition In Pictures

Evelyn Irons writes about a book on the late Welsh poet Dylan Thomas which she said she read "with horrid fascination."

Peter Dacre writes on a young subaltern in the Royal Scots Greys and his circle of friends. The subaltern is No. 44397 in the Army records but he also happens to be the Duke of Kent.

### POSTAL VOTE TOMORROW

London, Dec. 8.

Mr Hugh Gaitskell, who is tipped as new leader of the British Labour Party, tonight repulsed a move to make him withdraw his candidature.

The move, supported by his arch rival Aneurin Bevan, rebel leader of the Party's leftwing, would have given an uncontested victory in the fight for power to Mr Herbert Morrison, 67-year-old deputy leader.

Mr Bevan, reckoned to have little chance of the leadership but eager to keep Mr Gaitskell out, agreed to withdraw his candidature if the former Chancellor of the Exchequer would do the same.

But Mr Gaitskell's answer was to tell reporters: "I propose to allow my name to stand. I have the highest regard for Mr Morrison, but I think the Party should have the opportunity of choosing."

The decision by the 49-year-old Gaitskell meant that the knives were unsheathed for a bitter fight.

Had Mr Gaitskell agreed to withdraw, Mr Morrison would have automatically have been elected party leader tomorrow in succession to Mr Clement Attlee, 72, who resigned yesterday and was made an earl by the Queen.

All three candidates — Mr Morrison, Mr Gaitskell and Mr Bevan — have been nominated for the contest, which is by secret postal ballot of parliament's present 274 Labour members. Result of the contest, first of its kind for 20 years, will be announced next Wednesday.

The move to help Mr Morrison came from nine influential Members of Parliament, including five former ministers.

### Adroit Move

Mr Bevan divulged it in a statement saying he had been approached and was willing to stand down in favour of Mr Morrison if other nominees did likewise.

Political commentators saw this as an adroit move by the ex-minister to put Mr Gaitskell in an uncomfortable position.

The effect of this was to imply that Mr Gaitskell would be responsible for any split in the Party if he refused to withdraw. Curiously, the mediators do not appear to have approached Mr Gaitskell.

The Bevanites would have been glad to see Mr Morrison elected because at his age his appointment would be a comparatively short-term affair. Mr Bevan is recognised to have practically no chance of the leadership in the present contest. But in a few years he may have built up the power and prestige he lost as a result of his repeated clashes with the official leadership.

### Likely Result

Labour experts, working out the probabilities of voting in the secret ballot, reckoned tonight that Mr Gaitskell would win even in a triangular contest.

But unless he had a majority over the combined vote of the other candidates, there will have to be a second ballot. In this the candidate at the bottom of the poll in the first ballot will drop out.

Parliamentarians said a possible move by Mr Bevan might be still to withdraw his candidature and allow the votes of his supporters to be switched to Mr Morrison. This would undoubtedly greatly improve Mr Morrison's chances.

Some visualised an attempt to persuade Mr Gaitskell to change his mind and leave Mr Morrison the prize.—Reuters.

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### Afraid To Be Out Of Prison

Bristol, Dec. 8.

Hayden Lloyd, aged 29, and stone deaf, only felt safe behind prison walls, a court here was told.

The day he was released from gaol after a year's sentence for office breaking he smashed a show window so that he would be sent back again.

"He is afraid to go about in the day time. That is the whole reason for his criminal record," the Rev. S. W. Hartnell, Superintendent of the Bristol Institute for the Deaf, told the court.

"No sooner does he come out of prison than he commits another offence to get back again." He was remanded for 14 days for a medical report.—China Mail Special.

### HE WAS SUSPECTED OF ARSON

## Youth Who Tried To Put Out Admiralty Fire



GAITSKELL

### MEMBERSHIP CRISIS

## Nationalist China Makes A New Move

New York, Dec. 8.

Nationalist China made a fresh move in the membership crisis tonight by submitting separate resolutions calling on the Security Council to approve 13 countries.

This list omitted Russian-sponsored Communist countries, and struck out Finland and Nepal from the West's list in favour of South Korea and South Vietnam.

A British spokesman commented tonight that the implications behind these resolutions seemed to be out of line with the resolution passed earlier by the Assembly "and unlikely to be generally acceptable."

Submission of the Nationalist Chinese resolutions may lead to a new procedural struggle on whether they should be considered before the Assembly resolution calling for admission of all 18 applicants.

The Security Council will meet on Saturday.—Reuters.

### HE WAS SUSPECTED OF ARSON

## Youth Who Tried To Put Out Admiralty Fire

London, Dec. 8.

A homeless 21-year-old youth who tried to put out a fire in the Admiralty early today finished up in a police cell — suspected of having started the blaze.

He is Robert Jones, who left the West of England resort of Weston-super-Mare — 140 miles away — two days ago to tramp to London looking for work.

He was walking along Horseguards Parade when he saw flames coming from one of the rooms. He climbed over a wall and went in to the building through a window and started trying to beat the fire out.

But it was too much for him so he dialled the fire brigade but found the telephone line was dead.

Meanwhile passersby had called firemen and when they arrived they found Jones still trying to put out the flames.

### POLICE CALLED

The police were called and Jones was taken to the nearest police station.

After he had slept and had breakfast at the Metropolitan Police, he was questioned by detectives.

They were satisfied with his explanation of what had happened after he took them to the Admiralty, showed the wall he climbed over, how he got in and what he had used to quell the flames.

Later he was taken to a Salvation Army hostel, where he will stay until a job is found for him.

The flames swept through a 17th century wing of the building known as "Belton's Admiralty" because of its connection with Britain's greatest sea hero.—China Mail Special.

### BBC In Trouble

London, Dec. 8.

The British Broadcasting Corporation is to be reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions for taking a television picture of Mrs Margaret Comer and her husband, Jack Comer, in the Old Bailey at the close of the "Comer case."

Mrs Comer had been fined £50 for her part in conspiring to falsify evidence to clear her self-styled gangster husband in a knife fight.

At the Old Bailey Central Court, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, said today that in English law, it was an offence to take pictures of the Judge, jurors, witnesses or defendants in the building or the precinct.—China Mail Special.

### FOSTER DULLES PROCLAIMS—

## Asian Leaders Will Not Easily Be Duped By Russians

Chicago, Dec. 8.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said tonight that the "retaliatory power" of the United States against Communist moves anywhere is one of the principal guarantees of peace in the world.

The Secretary also said, in a speech prepared for delivery before the Illinois Manufacturers Association, that Asian leaders would not be "easily duped by false promises" being made by Soviet leaders.

His talk also jashed at the Russians for their refusal to agree on terms for the reunification of Germany, and reiterated his hope that the United States would stand by its intention "to see that the captive nations of the Communists 'become free.'"

Mr Dulles said, "On the one hand, a political warning system, and on the other, selective retaliatory power, constitute in combination a firm foundation for peace. If we want peace to continue, we must preserve that foundation intact."

The Secretary said that the "political warning system" to which he referred "was contained in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the security pacts which the United States has with Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Nationalist China, New Zealand, Australia, Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq and Iran."

He said, "Together they constitute a worldwide political warning system. They prevent the despots from miscalculating that they can use Red armies to conquer weaker nations one by one."

### A DETERRENT

In speaking of the "deterrent of retaliatory power," Mr Dulles repeated part of a December 29, 1950, speech which he had made under the auspices of the American Association of the United Nations, and in which he had said, "As against the possibility of full-scale attack by the Soviet Union itself, there is only one effective defence for us."

That is the capacity to counter-attack. That is the ultimate deterrent. The arsenal of retaliation should include all forms of counter-attack with a maximum of flexibility."

Mr Dulles said that the United States earnestly desires some effective way of limiting arms, but in the meantime intends to keep its strength at safe levels.

"We earnestly strive for some dependable system for limitation of armaments," he said. "Until we succeed in such efforts, we and our allies must constantly maintain forces, weapons and facilities necessary to deter armed aggression, large or small. That is an indispensable price of peace."

### FALSE PROMISES

In an obvious reference to the Russian psychological offensive in the Middle East and South Asia, in which he spoke of the Soviet promises which are "falling," Mr Dulles said, "We need not become panicky because Soviet Communism now disports itself in this new garb. We need not assume, as some seem to assume, that the leaders in the Asian countries are unaware of danger and easily duped by false promises. These leaders have, indeed, had much political experience and have helped to win great political successes for their countries."

Blaming the Russians for the failure of the Geneva Foreign Ministers' conference to achieve any positive results on German unification, Mr Dulles said, "The Soviet Union took the rigid position that it could accept no proposals for Germany, however reasonable, if they might enable the German people to get rid of those whom the Soviet has picked to rule in the Eastern Soviet zone of Germany."

"The result is that the West must continue to maintain the pressure of world opinion for (Continued on page 2, Oct. 3)

### French Elections

## LEFT-WING ALIGNMENT ANNOUNCED

Paris, Dec. 8.

Former French Premier Mendes-France, who is Vice-President of the Radical Socialist Party, and Guy Mollet, Secretary-General of the Socialist Party, today decided to establish a common front between their parties to fight the French General elections to be held on January 2.

The "front" will be open to other parties.

The Socialist leader in a statement to the press said the right-wing parties were making a big mistake in seeking elections on the electoral system of 1951 and in trying to rebuild a majority on the same basis as four years ago.

### "BIG SWING"

There had been a big swing over in public opinion which was now resolved on a complete change of policy, he said. Immediately after the constitution of the new Assembly the new front would urge the adoption of electoral reform and of a new system of voting, Mollet said.

He denied reports, however, that he had proposed the dissolution of the new Assembly immediately after the adoption of electoral reform and a second appeal to the voters.—France-Press.

### INTEGRITY OF LONDON POLICE: GOVT REFUSES PUBLIC INQUIRY

London, Dec. 8.

A Labour member of Parliament, Mr Arthur Lewis, failed tonight to induce the Government to hold a public inquiry into allegations about the integrity of the London police.

Mr Lewis said there was public disquiet at allegations of bribery and corruption among certain London policemen.

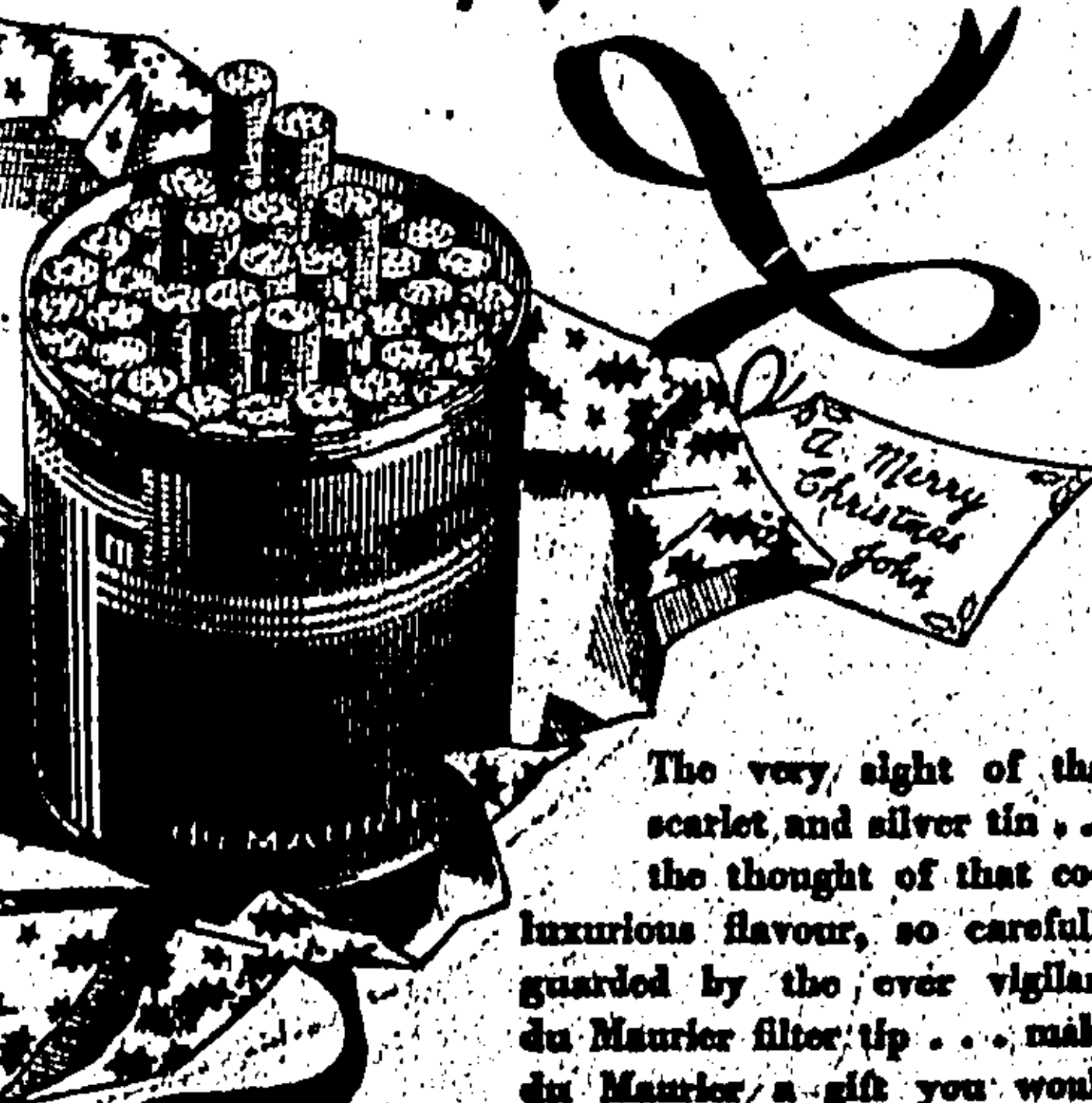
The Home Secretary, Mr Gwilym Lloyd George, said the original newspaper reports were "grossly inaccurate." The allegations had been fully investigated and he was "entirely satisfied."

Mr Lloyd George said there had already been an inquiry by the Commissioner of Police, Sir John Nott-Bower, and his report had said only eight policemen were concerned.

One was gaoled for conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and inquiries were still going on concerning another policeman.

The report added that no evidence was found to substantiate allegations of perjury or corruption against the other six.—China Mail Special.

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## MOROCCO CABINET MEETS FOR

FIRST TIME  
But French Guard  
Against Possible  
New Uprising

Rabat, Dec. 8.

Premier Si Bekkal's new Cabinet met the Resident General, Andre Dubois, to set up coming negotiations on independence for Morocco within interdependence with France.

Afterward the Cabinet—invested only yesterday—was to hold its first formal meeting against a background of unrest.

From Tangiers, Hassan el Ouazzani, Secretary-General of the Democratic Independence (PDI) Party, protested that the PDI did not get enough offices in the new Cabinet.

Of the 21 seats the PDI got six, the Istiqlal (Independence) Party nine and the Independents six.

## Tribe Uneasy

In Eastern Morocco, in the narrow bottleneck between Spanish Morocco and Algeria, the huge Beni Sassen tribe has failed to quieten down.

The French are on guard against a general uprising by the 100,000-strong tribe. They remember Abdel Krim, the chieftain who led the Rif war against the French and Spanish in 1902. Such an uprising could lead to a link-up of rebel movements in Morocco and in the neighbouring Oran Department of Algeria.

More than two months after the last rebel attacks in the Rif Mountains, the little village of Tafaralt, 10 miles southwest of Berkane, remains in a state of siege.

## Hidden Enemy

It is surrounded by barbed wire and blackhouses manned by French gunners who scan the surrounding Camel Gorge for a hidden enemy.

At present only about 200 tribesmen are actively harassing the villagers, but they are enough to make the roads impassable after nightfall for the 50 European families who live in Tafaralt. —United Press.

## NO COLOUR

New York, Dec. 8. The Governor of New York, Mr. Averell Harriman, has ordered an end to the use of the word "colour"—denoting race—on New York State motorist's licences. He said that the practice of requiring applicants for drivers' licences to state their colour was "offensive." —China Mail Special.

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## GENEVA MEETING SHOWED:

## The Iron Curtain Is Still Impenetrable

New York, Dec. 8.

Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State, said here today that the Geneva foreign ministers' meeting had proved that "the iron curtain is still impenetrable and that those who have erected it are not negotiable."

He told a luncheon meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, biggest employers' organisation in the United States, that the conference had been valuable as "a salutary corrective to the undue optimism which pervaded the world after the 'summit' conference at Geneva last July."

The world knew, he said, that while the Soviet Union did not want to blow itself up, everybody else to pieces, it equally did not yet want to "put the world together again which they and their Communist philosophy have divided."

## Blunt Admission

"I notice," Mr. Nutting went on, "that Mr. Khrushchev (the Soviet Communist Party chief) speaking in Burma two days ago is reported to have said that communism would achieve its victory in the world without war and that in fact 'war can only harm us'."

"In the light of recent history, in the light of all that we know and have come to experience of Communist tactics, we could hardly have a blunter or franker admission of what the Soviet Union is still up to in the world at large."

The free world must not relax its vigilance, its defences or its unity, Mr. Nutting declared. "We must stand for our faith as well as against the conspiracy which seeks to overwhelm us," he said. "We must, as Harold Macmillan (British Foreign Secretary) put it not long ago

## Middle East

Turning to the Middle East, Mr. Nutting said: "We have shown, and we shall go on showing, that it is the Western powers who are trying to bring peace and concert to the Middle East, while the Communist powers are trying to spread disruption and discension." —Iticuter.

## BARTER BUST FOR BATON

Cairo, Dec. 8.

An Egyptian Government committee today urged the Government to barter with Germany the baton presented by Hitler to Marshal von Brauchitsch, for a bust of Queen Nefertiti, 13-year-old bride of Pharaoh Amenophis the Fourth.

The suggestion was made by the committee in charge of the Egyptian royal palace inventory in a report to the Finance Ministry.

The baton came into ex-King Farouk's private collection at some point after the Second World War.

The West German Government considered it as an historic souvenir, since Adolf Hitler presented it to von Brauchitsch in person.

The German Government persuaded the Egyptian Government to withdraw the baton from the auction sale of Farouk's personal effects, but it has not been returned to Germany.

Egypt has for many years claimed the restoration of the bust of beautiful young Queen Nefertiti from the German museum authorities. —France-Press.

## Police Units Turned Over To Tunisia

Tunis, Dec. 8.

France's High Commissioner in Tunisia, M. Roger Seydoux, announced today that France has turned over to the Tunisian Government several internal security police units.

Speaking at a press conference, M. Seydoux said other police forces still in French hands will be transferred gradually to the Tunisian authorities.

M. Seydoux said in the meantime there are no longer any political prisoners in prisons here.

The French National Assembly recently passed a general amnesty law, aimed at freeing the prisoners.

Mr. Seydoux said Tunisia should "inspire confidence" to obtain the aid it needs to better the living conditions of its people. He called on Tunisians to abide by the Franco-Tunisian conventions on home rule, signed last June. —France-Press.

## Laos Situation Brought To Notice Of Russians

London, Dec. 8.

BRITAIN has drawn the attention of the Soviet Union to the troubled situation in Laos, where certain provisions of the Indo-China armistice agreements have not yet been applied, an informed source said today.

The source said Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan, while a tending last month's Big Four foreign ministers' conference, reminded the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, that pro-Vietminh Pathet Lao troops were still in control of two provinces of a total of 12.

Mr. Macmillan said the two provinces should be returned to the Royal Government without delay.

In conformity with the armistice agreements, the source said, Britain and Soviet Russia held the co-chairmanship of the 1954 Geneva conference, at which the armistice agreements were signed.

Full Report

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office has asked the British Ambassador in Laos to send a full report on fighting which broke out last Monday in the province of Sam Nua between Royal Army troops and Pathet-Lao units, supported by the Vietminh.

British informed circles believe that Pathet Lao forces launched the attack in order to impede the holding of general elections set for December 25 in the 10 provinces under government control.

Under the terms of the armistice agreement, the provinces of Sam Nua and Phong Saly were designated as regroupment areas for Pathet Lao forces, which have since refused to restore the 10 provinces to government control. —France-Press.

## No Increase In German Forces

Bonn, Dec. 8. A West German Defence Ministry spokesman said today that German rearmament would remain strictly within the limits set by the Paris agreements.

Germany had not asked that these limits be raised, either for ground or naval forces, he said. The spokesman's remarks followed a statement released to the press yesterday by the French Foreign Ministry, declaring that France would oppose German rearmament in excess of the limits set by the Paris agreements.

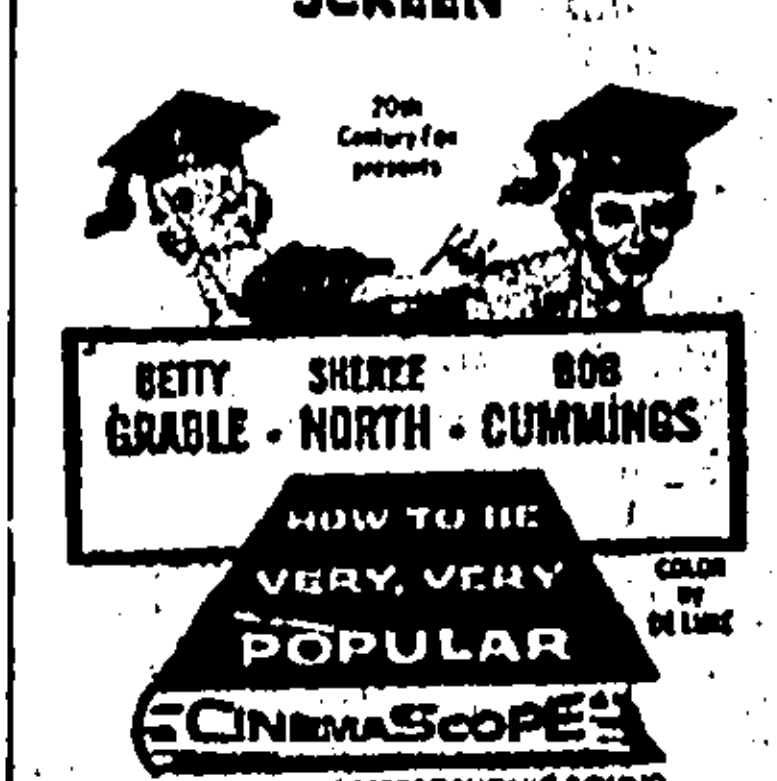
The French statement in turn followed reports that plans for the development of West German naval forces exceeded the limits set by the Paris agreements. —France-Press.

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# Australian Federal Elections Tomorrow

## Both Parties Claim Swing In Public Sentiment

### LEADERS STEP UP FINAL APPEALS TO VOTERS

Sydney, Dec. 8.

Australian Party leaders, Liberal Prime Minister Robert Menzies and Labour leader Herbert Evatt, today stepped up their final election appeals to voters with the polls scheduled to open on Saturday morning.

Both parties claim the swing of public sentiment is in their favour, but the poor attendance at political rallies during the campaign is making it hard for experts attempting forecasts.

The politicians are waiting eagerly for the final Gallup poll, which will be published on Friday. In previous elections the poll came pretty close to the mark.



Mr R. C. Menzies

Considerable interest centres in Dr Evatt's electorate of Barton, a Sydney suburb, which has 45,000 voters. Liberal candidate Bill Arthur is attempting to accomplish the 48 per cent of swing ballots necessary to put out the opposition leader who has held his Parliament seat for 15 years.

#### Final Appeals

Both Dr Evatt and Mr Menzies made their final radio appeals last night and were concentrating today on a series of speeches during motor tours of the voting districts.

In his radio finale on Wednesday night, Dr Evatt asserted: "It is a crazy idea to build homes for soldiers in Malaya when we need to build them for people in Australia."

"Malaya is an internal problem. If we were making a contribution to the defence of Southeast Asia, as claimed, you would think the United States

also would be sending its troops to Malaya and Indo-China. "Malaya is just as much entitled to self-government as Burma, Indonesia and India. Give the people of Asia democratic rights and there will be democracy. You've got to trust people. It was delay by the French which caused the Communist trouble in Indo-China."

#### "Dull Campaign"

It has been a "dull" campaign throughout that involved Communism, the Catholic Church, personal touch, shouted insults, near riots and screeched accusations.

Some 90 per cent of the country's 5,200,000 voters will be at the polls.

The campaign started on October 28, when Liberal Party Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies received permission to dissolve Parliament and call for new elections.

The Liberals—and their Country Party allies—held a six-man majority in the Senate. They hope to gain strength in the selection of a completely new House—122 members—and soundly thrash the Labour Party in the election of half a new Senate—39 members.

The Liberals admit they called for the new elections in hopes of liquidating Mr Menzies's bitter political foe, Dr Herbert V. Evatt, 61-year-old leader of the Labour Party. They believe recent events have weakened Dr Evatt's popularity with the voters.

#### Biggest Headache

The Liberals "point with pride" to unequalled prosperity in Australia. The Labourites brand it a "false prosperity."

The Labourites call the Liberals "McCarthyites." And the Liberals describe the Labourites as "pro-Communists" in a campaign that has been void of any great issues.

The biggest headache to the Labour Party has been a charge of letters between Dr Evatt and Soviet Foreign Minister V. N. Molotov.

Lawyer Evatt acted as defence counsel for members of his party who appeared before a Royal Commission, accused of Communist espionage.

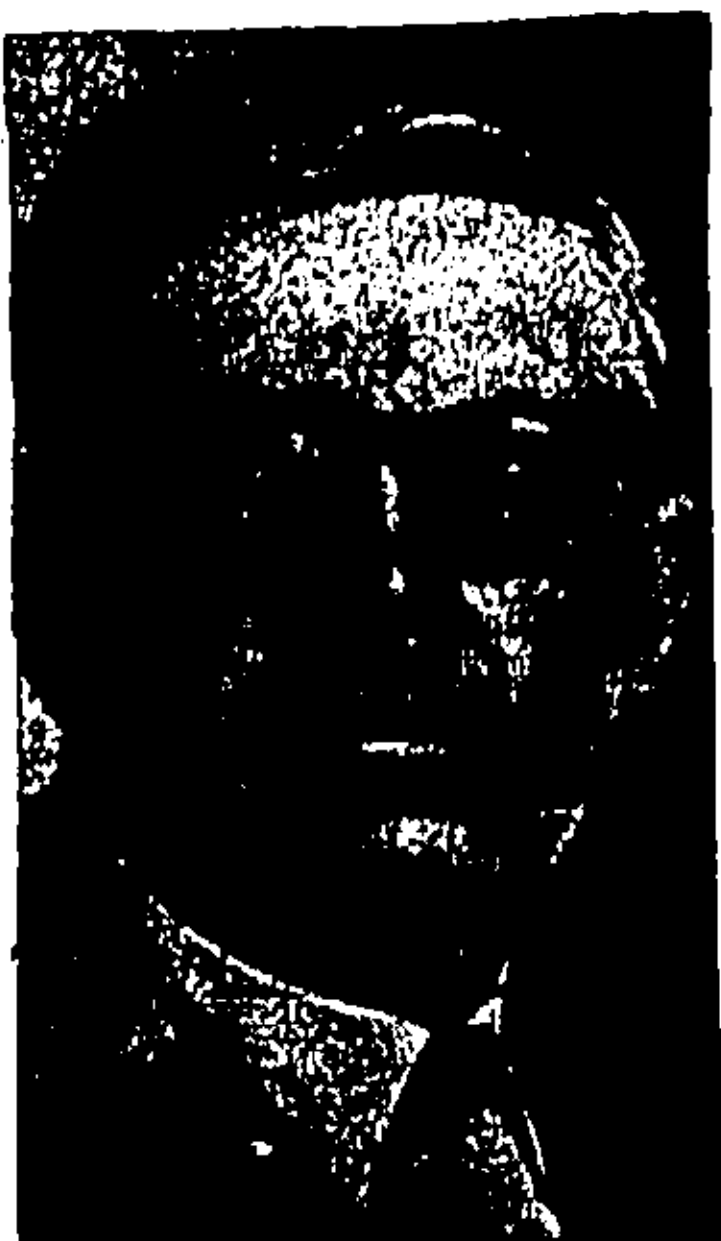
The evidence presented the Commission was based on information supplied by the former Russian spy chief in Australia, Vladimir Petrov, who defected in April, 1954.

#### Catholics Accused

Dr Evatt claimed his fellow Labourites were being "framed," and wrote Mr Molotov asking his opinion of the case. The Soviet Foreign Minister agreed completely, and when Dr Evatt read Mr Molotov's letter to the amazed Members of Parliament, the Liberals gleefully branded him a "Communist sympathiser."

Late in the campaign, Dr Evatt accused two Catholic Bishops of interfering in Australian politics. He said they had urged Catholics to vote against Communism.

The Church dignitaries replied that they had named no names, made no specific recommendations except to reiterate the Church's stand against Communism. Mr Menzies's political blunder was his unsuccessful attempt to outlaw the Communist Party. The Labourites successfully defeated the attempt, and claim this was an attempt by the Liberals to throttle free speech and democracy in this country where personal liberties are held sacred.



Dr H. Evatt

For a country that reveres its royal leaders, Australians show little political respect for their elected statesmen.

In two of his last appearances in Sydney, the Prime Minister was jeered, insulted and booed by opposition stalwarts.

#### Shouted Back

In catch-as-catch-can style, Mr Menzies shouted and yelled back at his hecklers. In the bedlam that followed, there was punching and shoving in the audience for several minutes before a semblance of order was restored and the meeting continued.

Nowhere in the country has either party been able to give a speech without the opposition heckling the candidates with boos, jeers and insults in this election which Australians call "dull."—United Press.

## Water Drives Tourists To Drink

Paris, Dec. 8.

Evil-smelling Paris water, which has driven millions of tourists to wine-drinking may become odorous and tasteless if the City Council approves a proposal made by Councilman Bernard Lafay today.

Speaking at a Council meeting, Lafay said Paris pumps its water from the Marne and Seine rivers and treats it with chlorine and aluminum sulphate. The water gives off an odour similar to that of rotten eggs.

M. Lafay proposed the water should be rendered odorous and tasteless by treating it with chlorine dioxide, which has been done in the United States.

But even M. Lafay's proposal is not likely to stop up water consumption among wine-loving Frenchmen, who are taught almost from the cradle that "water is the king of the table."—United Press.



King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia listens to an address of welcome from Pandit Nehru, left, India's Prime Minister, at the historic Red Fort at Delhi. The King is currently paying a state visit to India, following hard on the heels of Soviet leaders Bulganin and Krushchev. —Express Photo.

## NO RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT IN EAST BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 8.

An authoritative source in East Berlin today denied that the Russians had repudiated the Four Power status of the city and said that they did not contemplate restricting free movement through the Soviet sector.

A West Berlin city spokesman said some of the doubts over the Soviet attitude appeared to have been dispelled by the statement.

The British authorities here found the denial "very interesting" but said they would await a reply from the Soviet Ambassador in East Berlin, Mr G. M. Pushkin, to questions from the three Western envoys before drawing final conclusions.

Communist statement was in reply to the question whether or not the Soviet authorities continued to uphold the Four Power status of the city after the recent assertion by Major-General P. A. Dibrova, Soviet Commandant, that the Soviet occupation of East Berlin had ended.

#### Hysteria

The authoritative source said there had been "a great deal of unwarranted speculation" in the West about the Four Power status which, in fact, General Dibrova had never mentioned. He had merely asserted the "realistic facts" that East Berlin was no longer occupied and that it was the capital of a sovereign East Germany.

The conclusions to be drawn from East German sovereignty had been "clearly set out" in the Moscow documents and gave no grounds for any of the "wild speculation" about what would happen in Berlin. In fact nine days had elapsed since General Dibrova's remarks, yet nothing at all had changed in the Berlin situation. It was evident therefore that no change was contemplated.

#### Moscow Treaty

The Moscow Treaty of September 20 and its annexes had specifically provided that Soviet military authorities would continue to be responsible for the control of Allied military traffic to Berlin. The same arrangement applied to the free movement of Allied personnel through East Berlin, the source added.

The source said General Dibrova was no longer commander of an occupied area but solely commander of a small Berlin garrison. But he had informed Major-General Charles L. Dasher, the United States Commandant, clearly at their meeting on November 29 that he would continue to act as intermediary between the Allied authorities in West Berlin and the East German authorities whom the West did not recognize.

Dr Otto Suhr, Mayor of West Berlin, proposed today that the Western powers should seek an overall clarification, from Russia on the powers she had transferred or would transfer to East Germany. He told foreign correspondents there was no point in trying to keep speculating with such news. —United Press.

## An Arabian King's Visit To India

## 'Colonial' Items On UN Agenda

### MAKE INCLUSION MORE DIFFICULT

New York, Dec. 8.

A French move to make it more difficult to place so-called "colonial" items on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly by requiring a two-thirds majority for adoption rather than the present simple majority was described by a British spokesman today as "a good idea."

The French proposal is so far called only a "suggestion."

The British delegation spokesman said: "My delegation believes that this suggestion is a good idea. It would help in the exercising of restraint in the placing of items on the agenda, and we would support the idea."

Whether there will be time for France to make a formal move at the present session of the Assembly to bring about the required change in rules is doubtful.

#### Walked Out

France walked out of the Assembly on September 30 in protest against the decision (reached by a majority of one—28-27) to place the Algerian question on the agenda.

She returned last month after the Assembly had unanimously approved a formula whereby debate on Algeria was avoided and the item was taken off the agenda.

Should the two-thirds idea be adopted, it would make difficult the placing before the assembly of items such as Algeria, Morocco, Cyprus and Dutch New Guinea.

The French idea has been talked about privately by delegations but so far there has been no formal debate.

The Asian-African group, it is thought, is almost certain to resist the proposition strongly and it would be able to count on considerable support from many Latin American nations who are bitterly opposed to "colonialism." —China Mail Special.

## Negro Boy On Charge Of Murder

Gonzales, Texas, Dec. 8.

L. C. HENRY, a 16-year-old Negro boy, will be taken before County Judge John Romberg next Wednesday to answer a charge that he murdered his distant cousin, Herbert Johnson, a local leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

But County Attorney E. W. Patterson said Henry must be treated as a juvenile and the maximum penalty that could be imposed on him until he reaches 21 is commitment to reform school.

According to Patterson, the boy confessed he slipped up behind the 60-year-old Johnson while he was feeding his cattle on Sunday and killed him with a fence post for the \$17 he had in his wallet.

#### Racial Issues

At the same time, Patterson criticized the "interference of outside newspapers" which he accused of trying to inject racial issues into the murder. He said this caused the Mount Eden community (an all-Negro settlement) to become bewildered and afraid to talk.

Patterson said Henry is a student in the seventh grade at Waelder, Texas, near where the body of Johnson was found on Monday nearly consumed by fire.

He said Henry spent part of the \$17 for two knives, a wallet and a meal of hot sausages. He had \$9.70 when arrested. After telling Johnson with a post, the boy told Patterson, he searched him, took his hands and used the victim's automobile to drag the body to a ravine half a mile away. Then, according to Patterson, he set the body and automobile on fire. After the murder, he told Patterson, he went home and ate a hearty chicken dinner. —United Press.

## Trotsky's Friend Returning To Mexico

Moscow, Dec. 8.

Diego Rivera, 68-year-old Mexican Communist painter, intends to return to Mexico City this month after recovery from successful cancer treatment in Moscow.

He has been in the Soviet Union since August, and has had radioactive cobalt treatment in a Moscow hospital.

Senor Rivera was re-admitted to the Mexican Communist Party after Stalin's death. Although a member of the party from the early days, he fell out of favour later and in 1939 arranged for Leon Trotsky, Soviet communism's "arch-enemy," to live in Mexico. Trotsky was assassinated in Mexico in 1940.

While in hospital, Senor Rivera has spent his time sketching his Russian doctor and nurse and friends from the Soviet era. —China Mail Special.

## King Saud Showered With Pearls

Bombay, Dec. 8.

A small child ran out across the tarmac of Bombay's Santa Cruz Airport today and showered a handful of pearls on King Saud of Saudi Arabia on his arrival here on the final lap of his 17-day tour to India.

Another child, a six-foot tall King, bent down to have a garland of flowers hung round his neck while more than 10,000 people, who had waited hours for his arrival, cheered and shouted slogans of welcome.

King Saud was greeted by the Governor of Bombay, Mr Karkreshna Mahtab, and introduced to officials by the Chief Minister, Mr Narayn Desai. —Reuters.

## A-BOMBERS FOR CYPRUS

London, Dec. 8.

British bomber aircraft fitted to carry atomic bombs are to be sent to Cyprus shortly, Air Minister Lord De Lisle and Dudley, announced in London today.

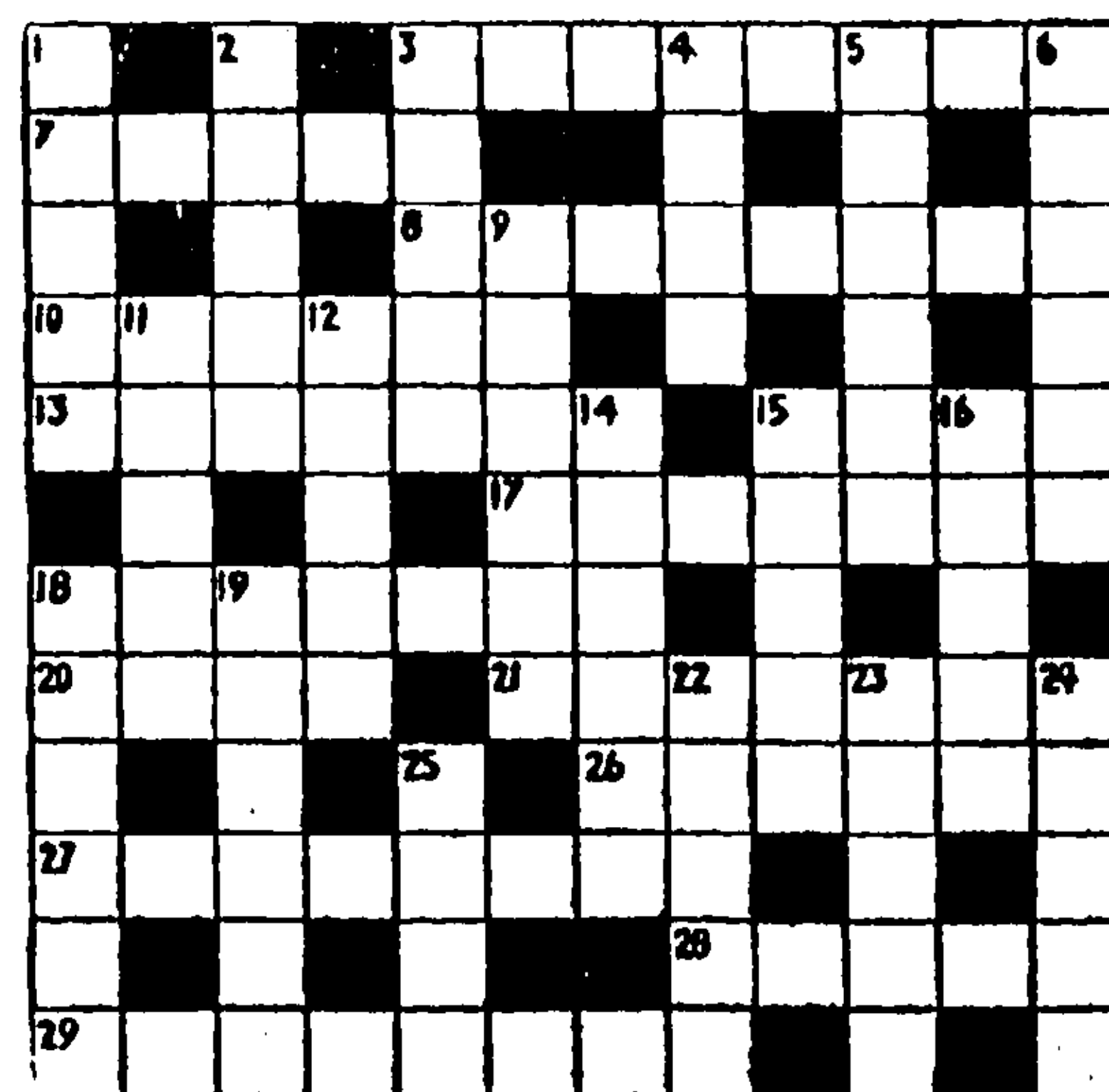
The Minister, who arrived back today from a tour of inspection of British air bases in the Middle East and Far East, said the atom-carriers would be based on Cyprus. —France-Press.

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## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Trespasses (8).
  - Fruit (5).
  - Gather together (8).
  - Compliance (6).
  - Fruit course (7).
  - Rip (4).
  - Avividly (7).
  - Advocate (7).
  - Discover (7).
  - Followed closely (7).
  - Last (6).
  - Knighthood ceremony (8).
  - Requires (6).
  - Region (6).
- DOWN
- Epic poem (5).
  - Accumulate (6).
  - Foolish (5).
  - Spool (4).
  - Garden implement (6).
  - Wine (6).
  - Thoroughfare (6).
  - Disposes of (6).
  - Attempt (5).
  - and feathered (6).
  - Lake-worm (8).
  - Change (6).
  - Engine of war (6).
  - Important periods (6).
  - Colours (6).
  - Enriched (6).
  - Stupid (8).
  - Disgrace (4).

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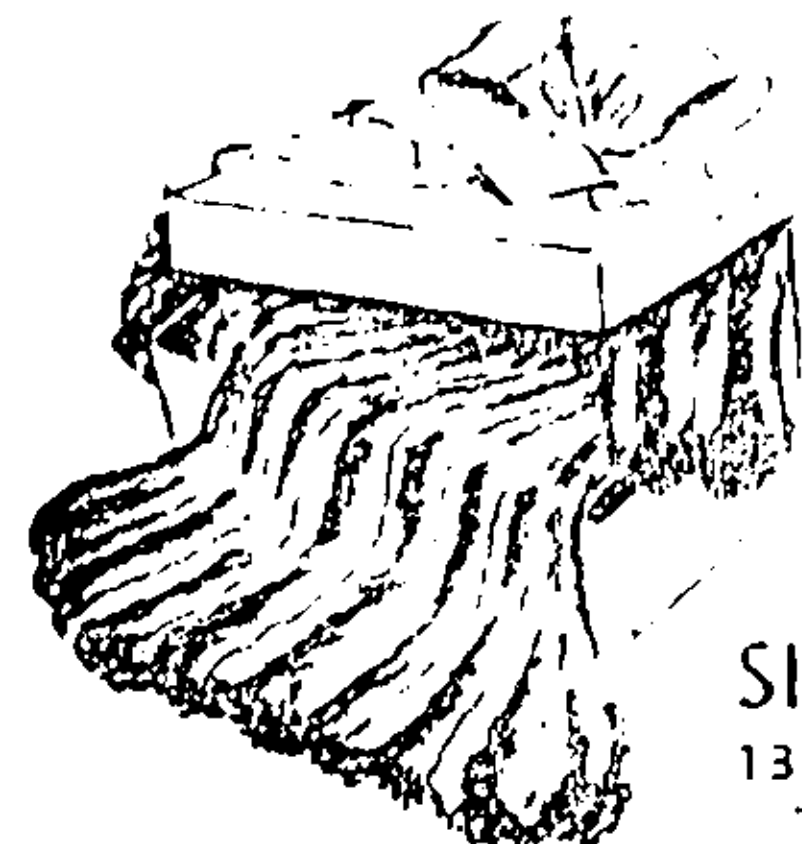
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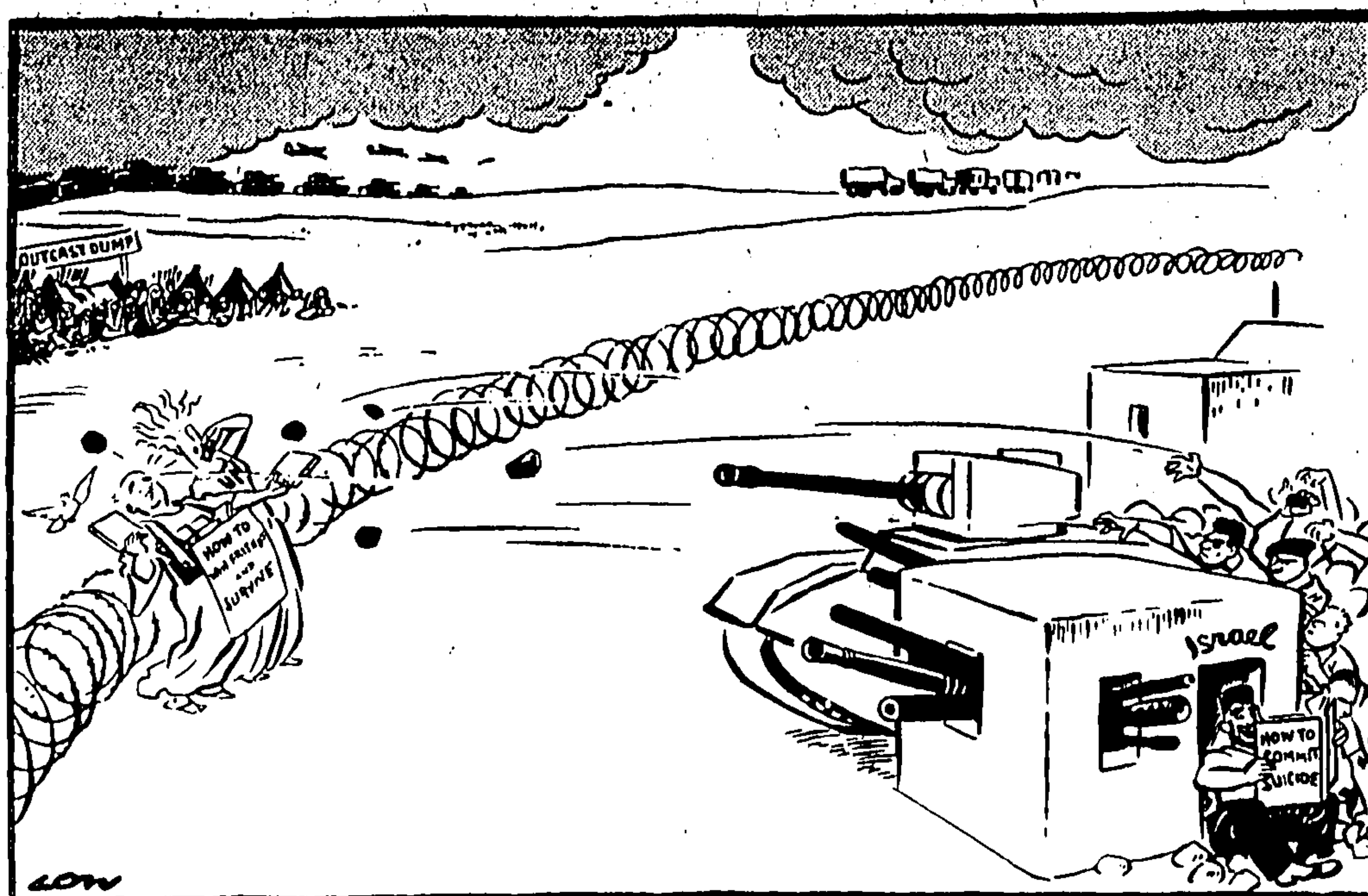
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## SIBELIUS—GREATEST LIVING SYMPHONIST

By  
GERARD  
BOURKE

IN the Villa Ainola, set in the snow-clad forests 30 miles north of Helsinki, Professor Jean Sibelius celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday.

His devoted 89-year-old wife Aino—the villa is named after her—was at his sides as he reflected on a life-time of music.

The most famous Finn, the greatest living symphonist, now lives in retirement. He has not published any compositions for nearly 30 years, or even visited Helsinki since the war.

Yet he still composes almost daily, we are told, but those who are honoured with invitations to his home must not inquire about these secret compositions.

Do they include the long-awaited eighth symphony? Nobody can say.

But although isolated among the sombre pines and glittering birch trees, Sibelius still takes a close interest in musical affairs. Often a conductor, who has performed one of the master's great series of seven symphonies to the composer's liking, receives a complimentary letter. On most evenings, he and his wife listen, by the fire-side in the low-wooded Ainola, to concerts from abroad brought in by their powerful radio. Sometimes he is visited by the leaders of his land.

Old Colossus

RECENTLY Sibelius gladly accepted an invitation to become President of the Arnold Bax Society, arranged to promote recordings of music by the English symphonist whose work was influenced by Sibelius's style. Indeed, Sibelius's music is played more frequently in Britain and America than in other countries largely because of the interest shown in it by Sir Thomas Beecham and the late Serge Koussevitzky.

Arnold Bax met Sibelius in 1909 and 1936. He saw him at the time of his most personal compositions, including the quartet styled "Intimate Voices," and later in retirement.

Comparing his impressions, Bax wrote of "an arresting, formidable-looking fellow, born of dark rock and northern forest, yet somehow only half the size of the capricious old Colossus of today."

Last year Sir Thomas Beecham journeyed for the first time to Finland to see Sibelius and conduct at a festival given in his honour. They had met often before, however, during the composer's many visits to Britain in former years.

Recently I visited the country town, Hämeenlinna, in southern Finland, to see the "Barren, wooden house where Sibelius was born, son of a doctor who

had sung with the Finnish Opera. He named the boy Johan Julius Christian.

On setting off to study law in Helsinki as a young man, however, Sibelius found some of his seafaring uncle's visiting cards inscribed "Jean Sibelius." These might be useful in the smart city, he thought, so "Jean" he would become.

All through his long life, Sibelius has been in close communion with nature, and many of his greatest works are inspired by the myriad Finnish lakes and forests. As a boy, he would wander in the woods behind his home, carrying his violin to serenade the birds.

Fiercer Mood

ORIGINALLY he intended to become a concert violinist. But there were also days when, in fiercer mood, he forsook violin for the rifle.

"Up to 15," he tells us, "I was a great Nimrod. I could spend days on end wandering through field and forest."

Passing the village school where he—and Finland's President Paasikivi—first studied, I walked deep into these woods, now planned as the Aulanko national park. Nearby stands, startling in its white modern outline, a superb, temporary architecture.

Perhaps just now Sibelius recalls that April evening in 1892 when, only 26 years old, he was first acclaimed as Finland's foremost modern composer. His large "Kullervo" symphony for orchestra, chorus and soloists, based on the Finnish epic poem "Kalevala" (on which Longfellow modelled "Hawthorne"), had just had its first performance.

Prophetic Words

ROBERT Kajanus, the reigning musician, declared that, confronted with such talent, he would forthwith cease composing himself. And he placed a laurel wreath on the young man's broad shoulders. It was inscribed with words also from the Kalevala: "This way now the course will lead, here the path lies now opened."

Prophetic words for Finnish music. A month later Sibelius married Aino Järvenpää, daughter of a Finnish general and sister

of the distinguished Järvenfelt brothers, known abroad as poet, painter and musician. It was Aino Järvenfelt who left us this vivid picture of the young Sibelius:

"He lived every moment so intensely that at times he really recalled an animal, a fish jumping in a rapid or a young hunting dog that gasps for breath as it seems to gain or a bird that, even when sitting still, turns its head in order to hear every rustle and to catch all that living reality has to tell." The great tone poem "En Saga" dates from that lively period.

Sibelius studied in Vienna and Berlin, as well as in other European capitals, but only to examine external musical trends; he always felt drawn to his forest clad home. He visited the famous Bayreuth Wagner festival in Bavaria but confessed that he found the scenery there preferable to the music. For Sibelius has never shown much interest in opera. He did, however, write a one-act opera in 1896, called "The Maid in the Tower."

When asked about it afterwards, he replied curtly: "Leave her there!"

Dapper Figure

TODAY Sibelius still appears as a dapper figure, with none of the abandon formerly associated with musicians. Before he withdrew from life in Helsinki, he regularly entertained at the Hotel Kamp, with parties lasting far into the night, and drawing extensively on the cellar.

Now he reflects: "It was necessary for me to get away from Helsinki. My art demanded another environment. In Helsinki all melody died within me. Besides, I was too capable to be able to refuse invitations that interfered with my work." It was in 1904 that he bought the Villa Ainola near Järvenpää, just before his friend Richard Strauss, born a year earlier, settled at Garmisch.

Honoured throughout his country, and by musicians in every land, Jean Sibelius is spending his last years in the loving care of his wife, and five daughters, one of whom is married to Just Järvi, conductor of the Finnish national opera.

It seems fitting that the musical genius who has drawn so freely from the wonders of the northern scenes and re-created nature so closely in its grandeur or simplicity, should now dwell close by her

## MR AUTOMATION PLANS A 32-HOUR WEEK

By BERNARD LEVIN

"PLEASE don't call my wife Mrs Machine," said John Diebold. I assured him I wouldn't dream of such a thing, and his wife, Doris, who was sitting back shyly in the corner, smiled.

Why should any man have to ask another not to call his wife by so ungallant a name? With most men, of course, the question never arises, but in Mr Diebold's life "Mrs Machine" is not the worst of it. His wife is likely to be called "Mrs Automation." For John Diebold is the man who invented the word which describes the second industrial revolution.

Further, Mr Diebold is now doing as much as any other man to bring that revolution about. What is this thing called automation? The man who thought up the name (he doesn't like it either, but, he says, can you think of a better?) was born 28 years ago in Weehauken, New Jersey, in a room from which one can get a fine view of industrial New York.

Nobody who knows that view would blame Mr Diebold for wanting to do something pretty drastic about it, and it appears that his leanings towards engineering and management developed early. Degrees in engineering, economics and business management, and service in the U.S. Merchant Marine (where he became excited by fire-control apparatus) led him step by step to the point at which he can be described in America as "the elder statesman of automation."

Mr Diebold does not look like a statesman, elder or younger; he looks like an exceptionally serious-minded graduate student of one of the more complicated sciences. Except, that is, when he smiles, which is often. Then he looks much less serious-minded.

A point

His large, strong hands gesture as he makes a point, and his fair hair bobs up and down to emphasise it. An awful lot of points, it seems, need emphasising about automation. "Many people," said Mr Diebold, "think automation is just another word for mechanisation—more and better machines. But it isn't."

What is it? Well, that involved a lot of complicated explaining, studded with words like "electronic computers" and "feedback." But the simplest way of telling the first industrial revolution from the second is this: until now, all machines have had to be started, operated, stopped and moved all adjusted and corrected by a human being. In other words, however advanced a machine, a man has always had to be there to tell it what to do. Today that is all over. Automation means machines that start, stop and correct themselves.

In other words, machines that can tell other machines what to do. Does this mean that the era of the robot is at hand? Not yet, says Mr Diebold. But the things which have happened already (and remember that automation is still only in its cradle) are almost as frightening.

Factory assembly-belts without a man in sight, computers which sort out and count your telephone calls and make out your bill at the end of the quarter, machines which not only do things faster than a man could, but do things which men could not do at all—these are just the first weak, uncertain steps of the new order. In 1948 there was only one computer (computers are the eyes and ears and brains of automation) in the United States. Now one company is turning out 25 small ones and eight large ones a month.

On hire

The large ones cost \$2,500,000 each, but you can hire the use of one for a mere \$5,000 a week.

Nobody need think that automation is going to transform an industry overnight. From the time a businessman calls in John Diebold to measure him up for automation, to the time when the machines take over, is a period of about 2½ years. This gives the firm time to adjust itself to the most serious problem created by the new technique—the displacement of labour.

At the moment, with fairly full employment in America, the unions are co-operating. But the possibility of men being thrown out of work by machines is one that is bound to be raised. Mr Diebold is reassuring. More leisure time for all rather than unemployment for some is what he foresees, and is quite serious when he adds that he expects to see a 32-hour week in America within ten years.

Mr Diebold and his wife (who is a mathematical expert and a director of the firm) work an 80-hour week at the moment, and smile as they tell you so. Evidently the way of a revolutionary is hard, even if the revolution is only an industrial one.

No substitute

But then, their office is not equipped with automation. It isn't that they don't trust the thing, but simply that there are some kinds of work the machines have not yet got around to, and almost certainly never will. There is still no mechanical substitute, it seems, for imagination and a sense of purpose. A machine couldn't have invented the word automation.

## THE PROBLEM OF NIKE

By ALEXANDER BROAD

THE biggest problem in modern defence centres around the hunt for a successor to the anti-aircraft gun. Today's jet bombers can travel at something approaching the speed of sound; today's guided missiles travel at more than 2,000 miles an hour.

An aircraft shell simply cannot find them.

Three years ago, the United States Army announced that it had found the answer. The answer was Nike—a missile which hunted down aircraft like a bloodhound of the air.

The army announcement said flatly: "It is almost impossible for them to miss." But the U.S. Air Force was sceptical. Air Force officials said they did not doubt that Nike could bring down anything in service during World War II. A modern jet, however, would probably evade Nike.

So the controversy has raged for three years—three years in which Nike has taken up sentry duty around almost every big city.

HOT PURSUIT

Last week, the Army agreed to take on the Air Force. Nike was matched against Matador. Matador is described as a "jet bomber missile—a plane flown by robots." Matador screamed across the desert at White Sands, New Mexico. Nike took off in hot pursuit.

What happened after that is a matter of dispute. The Army claimed that Nike scored twice but missed on four "preliminary" tries. The Air Force claims that Nike connected only once—and that was when Matador was flying low and slow.

Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker issued a fresh assurance: "Nike can destroy any aircraft." But an anxious nation wondered: Will the Army get four "preliminary" tries if they ever encounter the real thing? And what does Mr Brucker mean by "destroy"? Don't rockets explode like Matador?

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# Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Third Race Meeting of the 1955/56 season will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons, the first tomorrow and the second on December 17.

Each day's programme will consist of eight events. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be at 2 p.m.

The main attraction tomorrow will be the Bridge Hill Handicap for Class 5 ponies over the mile, to be run in two sections, while on Saturday, December 17, the Hongkong St Leger for ponies of 1955 over 1 1/4 miles is the principal event.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

## FIRST RACE

Notting Hill Handicap. From 1 mile post.

Novice jockeys will be in view in this opening event and they will be called upon to handle Class 7 ponies.

Betty (A. Travers) is a virtue of its own in the Anglo Handicap over this distance, a first race meeting (First Day) for Class 8 ponies will doubt be in big demand and I believe its prospects of securing another win here rather bright.

Desert Gold (Andrew Chen) is well suited to this distance and I think it will give Betty a good race.

Vagabond King (Stuart Lau) is a fast improving pony and should be worth \$5 bet each way.

Colin (H. K. Cheng) and Fortune (T. H. Yau) are also good enough to extend the above prices.

## SECOND RACE

Midvale Plate. One Mile.

This race is confined to Class C 1955 ponies. Weight 140 lbs. Winners of not more than \$1,250 in stakes: 143 lbs., of \$1,500, 140 lbs. of over \$1,500 150 lbs.

Jumping from past performances, Crest St. Don, which will again be taken out by H. Yau, will probably win.

Operation is likely to come from Tamerlane (K. Shih) and Unknown (H. K. Cheng) is another pony to watch whilst Teller (W. Williamson) has been acting very tricky.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Batches at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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Secretary.

## ONE OF THE BEST



One of the best bouts at last night's Boxing Smoker at the Missions to Seamen was this one between Bombardier "Smiler" Grant and AB Anning. The two rained blows at each other from all angles. Grant won on a very close points decision. — China Mail Photo.

## THE JIMMY DIMMOCK STORY Dribbling To Fame With A Tin Can

As told by JIMMY DIMMOCK to JACK WOOD

Jimmy Dimmock, of Spurs and England, first suspected that there might be a menial ticket in his feet when he found it easy to take a ball round the other boys on the concrete playground of Edmonton's Montague Road school.

The goalposts at one end were chalked on the school wall. Eagerly-shed coats did duty at the other. Usually the ball was a rubber one, but when it was lost a tin can or cap would do.

Dimmock's still bright eyes mistled as he told me of those days before the First World War when life for the youngsters of Edmonton was hard, but so full of fun.

"I seemed to get on better with the tin can than most of the others," he said. "It used to be funny tricks, but I usually managed to keep it with me."

HELP FROM DAD  
"And I had one advantage over the others. Dad was a cobbler, and when we moved out of the playground on to the school pitch I was always very well fixed up with boots."

As for an outsider I suggest Snowy (C. L. Liu).

Another Victory (H. Tsai) is moving well in its morning gallops and appears ripe to score.

Ponies in this race which have also shown good form lately are Char Ting (H. K. Cheng), Gladie (E. S. Wong) and Spinning Wheel (Allan Chan).

THIRD RACE  
Notting Hill Handicap (First Section) One Mile.

This race will be contested by 1955 Ponies, Class A. I think Betty (A. Travers) appears to be a safe proposition in view of its fine morning gallop last Saturday in 1.54.1—last quarter 28.1 seconds—over the mile.

Minerva (H. M. Botelho) and Old Tyre (Shih) continue to maintain good racing condition. The distance of this race suits the former, though. Quicksilver (H. K. Cheng) and Encore (H. Tsai) all have fair chances of success.

SIXTH RACE  
Bennet's Hill Plate (First Section) One Mile.

In this race, confined to 1955 Ponies, Class B, I will once again pin my faith on Avion (P. Plumby) to beat the field. This chestnut mare did not have the best of luck in its last encounter, but should make amends tomorrow.

I like the way Ma Cherie (C. L. Liu) has been striding along in the early morning gallops and believe it will finish well up in front.

I also like Midget (H. Tsai). The second lot of 1955 Ponies, Class B, will battle out the finish here. Dragonfly will be called on to shoulder top weight of 150 lbs. It will again be ridden by C. A. Lee and I believe that it is capable of winning.

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## LAST NIGHT'S BOXING

# Honest Endeavour And Crude Cold Courage

By Our Boxing Reporter

Boxing came back with a bang to the Missions to Seamen last night when the Royal Navy put a team in the ring against the fighters of 74 LAA Regt Royal Artillery.

The reputation of the Missions as a place for thrills was further enhanced, for, although fistic science was almost completely absent, there was enough honest endeavour and crude cold courage to satisfy even the most demanding of boxing followers.

The match was one of 10 bouts, and with six wins against four to the sailors the Army boys claimed victory by 16 points to 14.

Two of the bouts will long be remembered by all who were present, not only because of the superlative displays of courage given by the contestants.

A great cheer from his colleagues greeted the entry into the ring of Bombardier "Smiler" Grant and his opponent AB Anning must have realised right away that he had been set against a real person.

From the moment he ducked under the ropes until he left the ring "Smiler" lived right up to his nickname.

It was a contrast in styles and a tremendous battle for blows rained on both men from all angles. The bombardier's face was covered in blood long before the halfway stage was reached but it disturbed him not at all. After a glorious display of carfree hitting, unfettered by any pretence of science Grant got a verdict that must have been as close as it was popular.

UNUSUAL SIGHT  
At the end of a bout in the second half of the programme we were treated to the unusual sight of the referee stepping into the centre of the ring and personally congratulating the boxers on a special show of courage. It happened at the contest between 2/Lt Carter and Ord Seaman Anderson, and there was not a soul in the building who did not echo and endorse his sentiments.

This was the sign to end all signs and how the two warriors stood on their feet and still managed to swing blows at each other is a mystery to me and probably to all who saw the bout.

Anderson is in some ways unlucky, but that has nothing to do with this particular bout. Recently in the Fleet Championships, he scored a spectacular knock-out victory and he has become over-obsessed with the idea that chin is there as sitting targets for his right swing.

He is a clever and experienced boxer with a powerful punch in either hand and he will be a constant contestant with the Land Forces and Colony Championships come around.

The arrangements were once again very good and probably the only unsatisfactory note was the indifferent refereeing in the Withers-Cornell and Tinsley-Hallahan bouts.

It was announced from the ring that another Boxing Smoker between teams from the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force would be held at the Mission next Thursday at 8 p.m.

THE RESULTS  
Here are the results of all the bouts (74 LAA first):—  
Cin Hardman beat E. M. Sutherland on points.  
Gnr McNamara lost to AB George on points.  
Bdr Grant beat AB Anning on points.  
Gnr Withers lost to Sgt Cornell on points.  
Gnr Tinsley beat O/T Hallahan on points.  
Gnr Davis lost to A.B. Davis on points.  
Gnr Ashley lost to L/S Rose on points.  
2/Lt Carter beat O/S Anderson on points.  
Bdr Dwyer beat E.M. Osbourne by KO in 1st Rd.  
Bdr Ledham beat L.M.E. Trotter on points.  
In a special contest A.B. Bond beat E.M. Thompson on points.  
Gnr McNamara and A.B. Nash fought a spirited exhibition and it was quickly obvious that McNamara is going to be right in among the titles before the season is very much older.  
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Dimmock as a 21-year-old Spur.

a fortune to us kids then. Jimmy Dimmock didn't say no. I had got my first money out of the game.

As the war clouds gathered in 1914 the game of the Edmonton school spread. One day his schoolmaster and friend, Mr Charlie Hoskins, told him that Tottenham Hotspur wanted to sign him as an amateur.

"Imagine how I felt, boy. Me, little Jimmy Dimmock."

"Mr Hoskins said and told him that the Spurs would look after me. That was good enough for dad and me, and I signed."

War came, and Dimmock left school for a while, organised sport was at a standstill, and he had to be content with local fame as a left-side-left with Edmonton Ramblers.

After one game for the Ramblers, in which he scored three goals, he was asked to play for Clapton Orient by Harry Chamberlain, then an Orient player and now on the staff at Tottenham.

Of his first game for Orient, the thing that Jimmy remembers are the names the other players called him.

"The language even shocked me—and I wasn't brought up tender."

"At half-time I asked Jack Forrest, the old Newcastle player, who was in our team, why they kept calling me these names. I felt much happier when he replied: 'If I could play like you, lad, they could call me what they like.'"

I stayed with the Orient. The Spurs' ground was closed, for they were making gas masks and other things in the main stand, so they could only play away games.

"My next game for Orient was against them, and in it, Charlie Lance, then the Spurs' centre-half, gave me some advice that I never forgot."

SHOWING OFF  
"I suppose I liked to show off a bit, and I kept beating Charlie and then taking the ball back."

## Singapore Beat HK By 12 Points In Pan Asian Basketball Tourney

Singapore, Dec. 8.

The Pan Asian Basketball tournament for the Nanyang University Cup continued here today with six games in the Men's and Women's sections.

Taiwan gave another scintillating display in their tie against Bangkok, whom they defeated 88-64.

The Champions soon established a big lead and kept ahead throughout to win easily.

The Thailanders played extremely well and never stopped battling against the odds.

In both halves of the game, they went very near to leveling.

Firmly in the lead in the last few minutes of the game, the title-holders delighted the crowd with a remarkable exhibition of fancy dribbling and accurate long-range passing and shooting.

Although the Taiwanese played brilliantly as a team, Ling Tien-hwang at guard must gain honourable mention for his flashy interceptions and crafty distribution of the ball.

FINAL ROUND  
In the other game in the Final round, Hongkong seemed slightly off colour and went down to Singapore 83-71.

At one stage in the first half they were 18 points down but

captain Yong Pi-hock rallied his men and, ably supported by Pun Kuan-choong, they set about reducing the deficit and were able to end the first session only 8 points behind at 42-34.

Nothing seemed to go right for Hongkong in the second half. It was a depressing tale of dropped passes and erratic shooting.

In a rousing first ten minutes, the local team, playing with delightful combination, ran on to a 15 point lead.

They were veritable leaping demons at the basket and Hongkong were hard put to keep the score down and did creditably well to make up a respectable total of 12 points behind the winners.

Most successful of the Hongkong team was Pun Pi-hock, who had a personal tally of 18.

—Reuter.

## Sports Diary

### TOMORROW

Senior Shield 1st round: Kitchoe v Navy (CHI) 2.30 p.m. Junior Shield: A v Kitchoe (CHI) 2 p.m.; Dodwell v Gymnasium (NAVY) 2.15 p.m.; Jardine v Dairy Farm (NAVY) 3.45 p.m.

1st Division: Army "North" v R.F.C. "South"; KCC v HKCC; Seaports; Police v CCC; Records v Navy.

2nd Division: R.F.C. v University "A"; Army "South" v R.F.C.; RGV v Records; University "B" v DGB; Navy v KCC.

Third Race Meeting at Happy Valley starting at 2 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Annual match: Old Shanghai-ders v Pre-War HK XI at Chater Road commencing at 10.30 a.m. League (game) Div. 1: Dockyard v Police; KCC "B" v Army "N".

Senior Shield 1st round: KMB v Eastern (HK Stadium); R.F.C. v Navy (Club); Police v South China (BS). All matches at 2.30 p.m.

Junior Shield 1st round: KMB v South China (HK Stadium); Club v Tams. Wpn (Club). Both matches commencing at 2 p.m.

CMB v B & S (CHI) at 2.15 p.m.; St. Joseph's Eastern (CHI) at 2.40 p.m.; Hop. Works v Watson's (HV) at 2.15 p.m.; Transways v B & S Tamar (HV) 3.45 p.m.; Prisoners v Caroline Hill (dockyard) at 3.45 p.m.

Open Athletic Meeting, Caroline Hill at 10.30 a.m.

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The Philippine boxer, Leopoldo Espinosa, will meet the World Flyweight Champion, Pascual Perez of Argentina on December 30 here, in a 15-round contest for the world title. France-Press.

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illness and injury. — China  
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## DEATHS

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Ting-ling, aged 72, mother of Mr.  
Loh, Chairman, Government  
Director of Wai Yee Textiles Ltd.  
and Manager of New China  
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SAUDI ARABIAN CAPITAL GETS  
FACE-LIFT  
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Cairo, Dec. 8.

Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, is  
undergoing the most extensive "face-lift"  
in its history, according to reports brought  
here by travellers from the desert  
Kingdom.

Not so long ago, this capital, the  
birthplace of King Ibn Saud, founder of  
Saudi Arabia and the scene of his greatest  
military triumph, seldom heard any sound  
more startling than the restless din of its  
busy, teeming souk (camel market place)  
and the occasional beep of a horn as a  
motor car wormed its way through the  
milling crowds in the narrow, dusty lanes.

Then, as oil brought great  
prosperity and contact with  
the west, bulldozers, steam-  
rollers, dump-trucks and  
cement mixers broke the quiet  
of the ancient Arab Bedouin  
community, tearing down old  
houses, clearing ground, cutting  
off debris and pouring tons of  
fresh concrete.

Riyadh, today, is building  
sumptuous palaces for its al-  
lied princely emirs, palatial  
villas and beautiful gardens  
for its wealthy, powerful  
sheikhs, modern, ten-story  
high administrative buildings  
for its government officials,  
and fine hotels for its guests.

## Match For Any

Streets measuring only ten  
feet across are being converted  
into boulevards five times that  
width to cope with the ever-  
growing motor traffic.

In the heart of the burning  
Arabian deserts, Riyadh stands  
today a new, ultra-modern,  
entirely air-conditioned city,  
a match for Sao Paulo or any  
of the most modern cities  
in the world.

Paradoxically, it boasts little,  
if any, Arabic or Islamic art.  
Only one large mosque, the  
"Westminster Abbey" of the  
Wahhabis, marks a capital of  
Islam.

Dr. Said Karim, a famous  
Cairo architect and graduate of  
Zurich University, is largely  
responsible for its new archi-  
tecture, which combines func-  
tion and form. Along Prince  
Faisal Street, he has built an  
imposing array of Government  
buildings. He designed the  
Ministries of Agriculture, De-  
fence, Education and Com-  
munications in the shape of  
their opening letter in the  
Latin alphabet—A for Agricul-  
ture, C for Communications, D  
for defence. All these 300-room  
buildings are air-conditioned  
and equipped with pneumatic  
circulation for documents.

The official Majlis, or Royal  
Council Chamber, where King  
Saud traditionally meets his  
subjects, the new Saud Mil-  
itary Academy and a new Town  
Hall, as well as several big  
hotels, are in various stages of  
completion.

Dr. Karim has also disguised  
a dozen palaces for Emir  
Mohammed bin Abdel Aziz,  
Emir Talal bin Abdel Aziz and  
other members of the Royal  
Family.

## Stronghold

The new Riyadh is a series of  
oasis in which Swiss and  
Spanish-style cottages with  
swimming pools and tennis  
courts dominate the skyline,  
with their deep green tiles and  
pastel-coloured windows, con-  
trasting with the brown desert  
sands all round.

Riyadh, traditional stronghold  
of the Saud family and the  
Wahhabi ruling dynasty, lies in  
an open wadi at the bottom  
of a rocky slope.

Riyadh was built near the  
ancient, defeated capital of  
Bereydh early in the 19th  
century.

The warlike Nedjeans con-  
sidered it an ill omen to re-  
build and reinhabit a town  
fatally overthrown, so they  
transplanted the seat of gov-  
ernment and its entire popu-  
lation to a desert oasis nearby.

Thanks to the discovery of  
oil in the eastern part of the  
country and the wealth which  
it has brought, Riyadh today  
boasts a population of 100,000.  
It stands on the trans-  
Arabian caravan route from  
Hassra to the holy shrines at  
Mecca, and is also the western  
terminus of the first railway  
across the Arabian desert since  
Colonel T. E. Lawrence de-  
stroyed the Hedjaz railway in  
1917.

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now run on this railway, 350  
miles across the steppes from  
Dammam, on the Persian Gulf,

Swedish Xmas  
Fair In London

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By Air  
Korea, 6 p.m.  
U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle  
East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe,  
6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Pakistan, 3 p.m.  
Indonesia, 4 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
By Air  
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kun-  
ming, 9 a.m.  
France, 10 a.m.  
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Aus-  
tralia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11  
a.m.  
Indo-China, Noon.  
Philippines, 1 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New  
Zealand, Thailand, India, Pakistan,  
6 p.m.

Middle East, Africa, Great Britain &  
Europe, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea,  
6 p.m.  
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Formosa, 9 a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Indo-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.  
Dr. East Africa, 4 p.m.  
Malaya, Mauritius, P. East Africa  
& S. Africa, 5 p.m.  
Rhodesia, &  
Mozambique, P/P via L. Marquies,  
4 p.m.  
W. Africa, P/P via Lagos & Gold  
Coast, P/P via Accra, 4 p.m.  
Tahiti, 5 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
By Air  
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle  
East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe,  
6 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
By Surface  
Portuguese India, P/P direct, 9  
a.m.  
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.  
Burma, India, Noon.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Korea, 1 p.m.  
Canada, 4 p.m.  
Indo-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

Serving customers at the  
annual Swedish Christmas Fair  
in London is pretty Kerstin  
Hewitson, dressed in tradi-  
tional costume. The fair was  
opened by Madame Gubna  
Haggblom, wife of the Swedish  
Ambassador to the United  
Kingdom.—Express Photo.

## Bomber Crashes

Honolulu, Dec. 8.  
A twin-engine Navy patrol  
bomber with a crew of 10  
crashed at sea last night and  
a submarine picked up three  
survivors, while planes and  
ships hunted for more.  
The submarine, USS Bashaw,  
picked up the survivors less  
than two hours after the P2V  
plane crashed 20 miles off the  
shore of Kauai Island.—United  
Press.

## Workmen Buried

Paris, Dec. 8.  
An almost completed building  
in Lourdes, southwest France,  
collapsed today burying several  
workmen in the debris. First re-  
ports said 14 men were buried in  
the ruins. The building was to  
house a multiple store offices  
and flats.—China Mail Special.

East German Youth  
To Have  
New 'Gay Life'

Berlin, Dec. 8.

East Germany's Communist youth leaders  
have taken revolutionary measures to give the  
2,000,000-strong State Youth Movement a new,  
"gay life."

Banning almost all deskwork, hitherto a  
salient feature of the movement, from district and  
local offices, leaders, according to Jung Welt, the  
daily youth newspaper, have been forbidden to:

1. Ask for or make written  
reports, except cash statements,  
monthly statistics and bi-weekly  
accounts of the local group's  
political activities;
2. To draft or issue any  
directives and circular letters—  
known to be the main occupa-  
tion hitherto of youth officials;
3. To draft or pass any re-  
solutions except decisions to  
improve their own group's  
activities;
4. To take any paper to  
official meetings except a docu-  
ment on the monthly plan of  
youth activities.

their sceptres over the gay mass  
of youth until Ash Wednesday  
next February.

## Giving Advice

One such merry-making party  
demonstratively "broke up," a  
youth officials' meeting at Bran-  
denburg, near Berlin, in quick  
response to the new orders.  
Jung Welt has even been  
giving girls advice on the use of  
cosmetics. "Do not put lipstick  
on before you dress because  
your frock may get stained," it  
told them, and added: "You can  
use more powder in the evening,  
because a powdered face looks  
better under illumination."

One sign of the new policy  
is the new policy has been a gradual  
deviation from the previous  
Communist party line condemn-  
ing jazz music as "decadent."  
East German radio stations are  
now giving regular jazz lessons  
accompanied by records reflect-  
ing the entire musical develop-  
ment from the New Orleans  
style to Be-bop.

Newspapers began to publish  
large-size photographs of Louis  
Armstrong describing him in the  
columns as "the King of  
Jazz" and a noted music critic  
said: "I have not regretted at-  
tending a recent concert in West  
Berlin given by Armstrong,  
from whom our bands can learn  
a lot."

## Make Life Easier

The aim of this reversal of  
East Germany's youth policy,  
observers here agree, is to make  
life easier and more pleasant  
for the young people so that  
they will not want to flee to  
the West.

A daily average of 300 young  
East Germans under 25 years  
of age have sought asylum in  
West Berlin during the past  
month, and East German state  
leaders have frankly admitted  
that they are worried about such  
a mass movement, particularly  
by young skilled workers.  
In addition, the mass flight of  
young people reduces the re-  
serve available for the East  
German armed forces.—China  
Mail Special.

US Still Backs  
Philippines  
For UN Seat

United Nations, Dec. 8.

The United States will  
continue to back the candi-  
dature of the Philippines for  
the vacant seat on the  
United Nations Security  
Council, Mr. Henry Cabot  
Lodge, chief American UN  
delegate said here today.

Mr. Lodge, who was speaking  
at a luncheon given by the  
United Nations Press Cor-  
respondents Association, said the  
United States would not sug-  
gest a compromise solution that  
would involve backing any  
other government for the  
Security Council seat.

He added the US Govern-  
ment considered the Asian  
Asian "Bandung" powers  
under-represented on the  
Council and pointed out that  
none of the other Bandung na-  
tions had protested against the  
Philippines candidature.

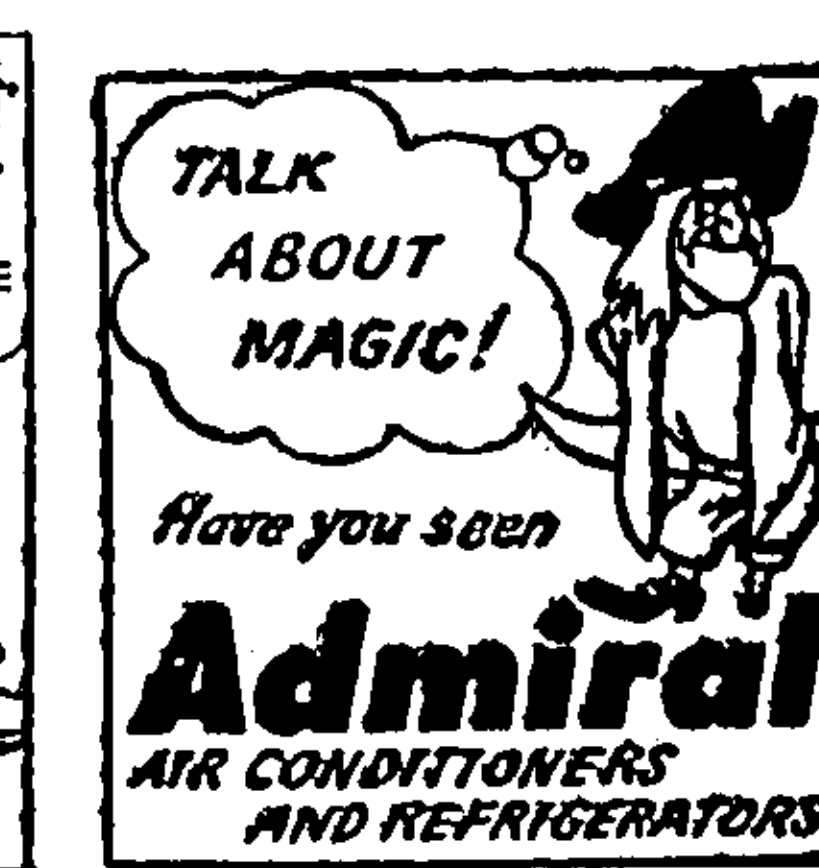
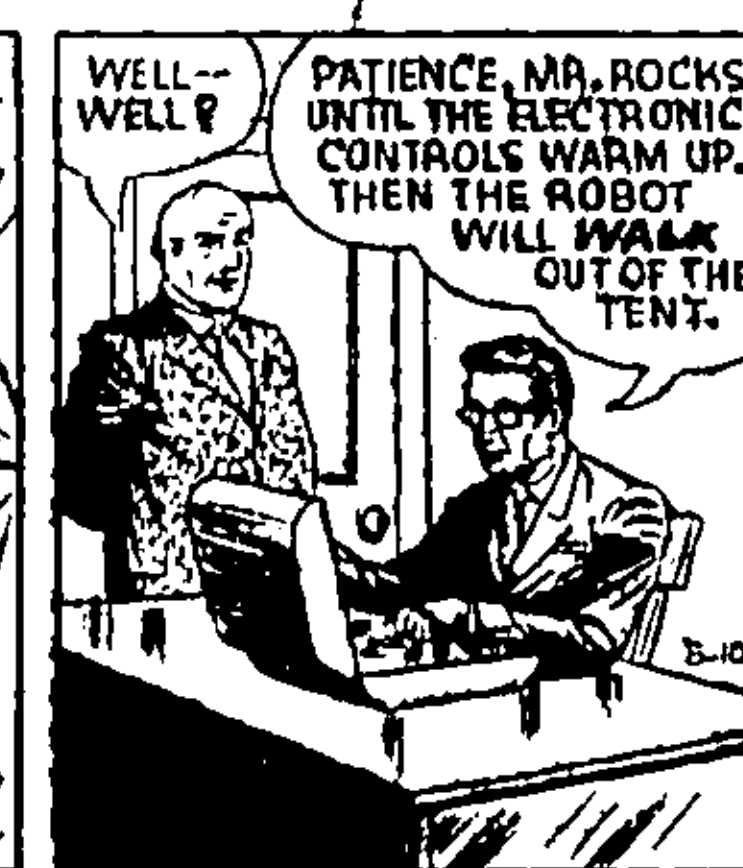
## Deadlocked

The Philippines and Yugosla-  
via—the European candidates—  
have so far deadlocked the UN  
Assembly voting for the vacant  
Council seat. Neither country  
has obtained the required  
majority for election.

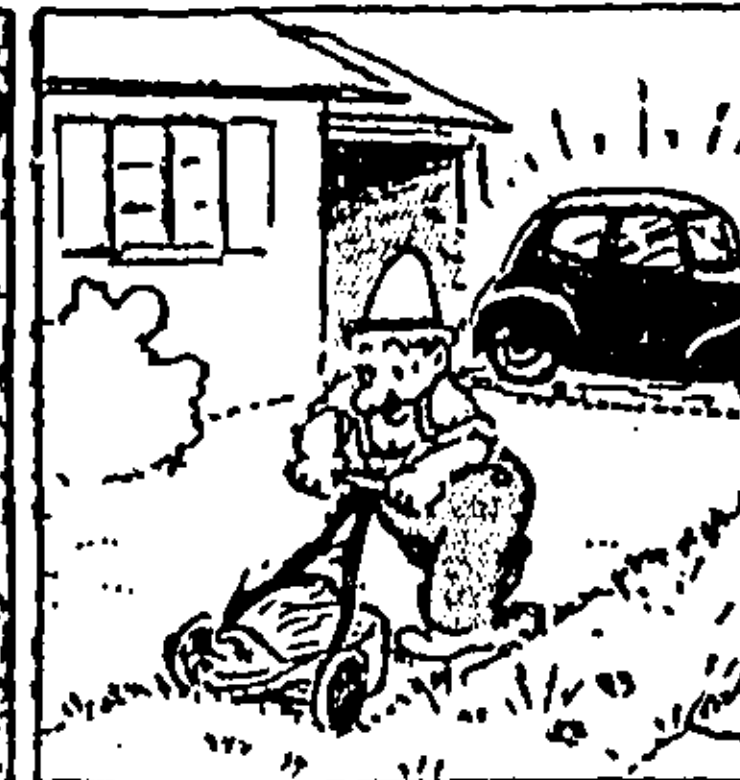
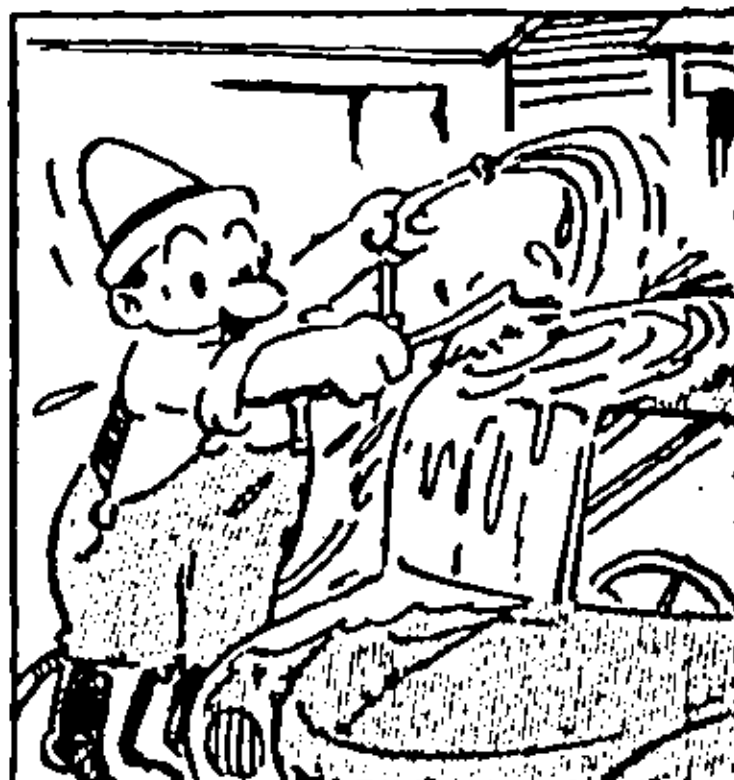
Mr. Lodge was asked by a  
newspaperman if President  
Eisenhower had a reply to his  
second message to Generalissimo  
Chiang Kai-shek urging the  
later not to veto Outer Mopos-  
tia's admission to the United  
Nations. "I know, but I can't  
tell you," Mr. Lodge said.—  
France-Press.

Dinner at Tarr's latest  
restaurant can now be without  
overcoats in the heavy winter  
night air outside with not so  
much as a shiver.  
Experimental body and hand-  
ling tests have been made from  
above. Batters have also been  
tested over the field. They  
found the new design was  
better than the old one.

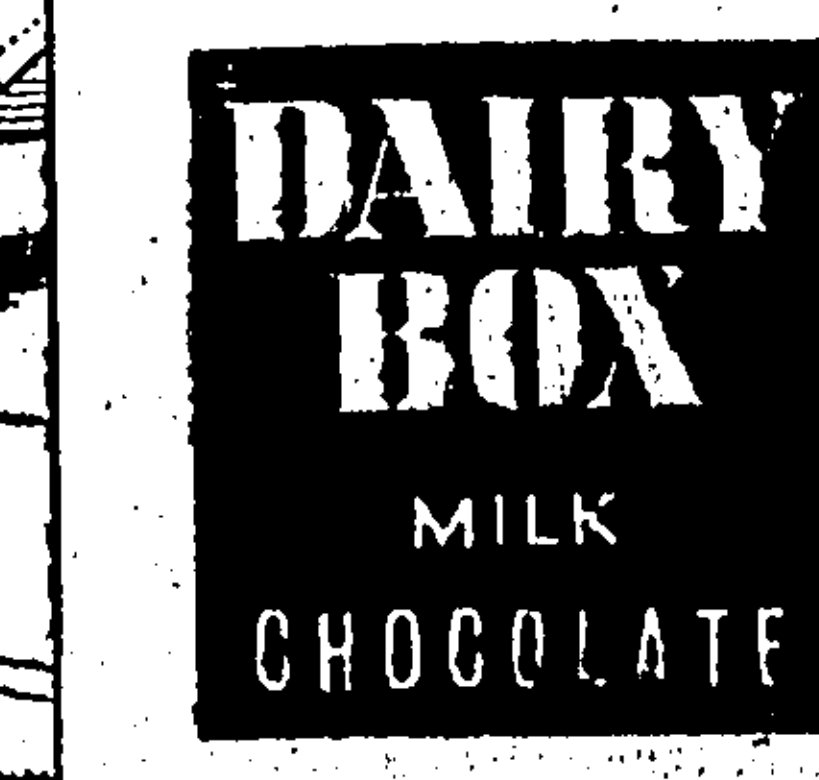
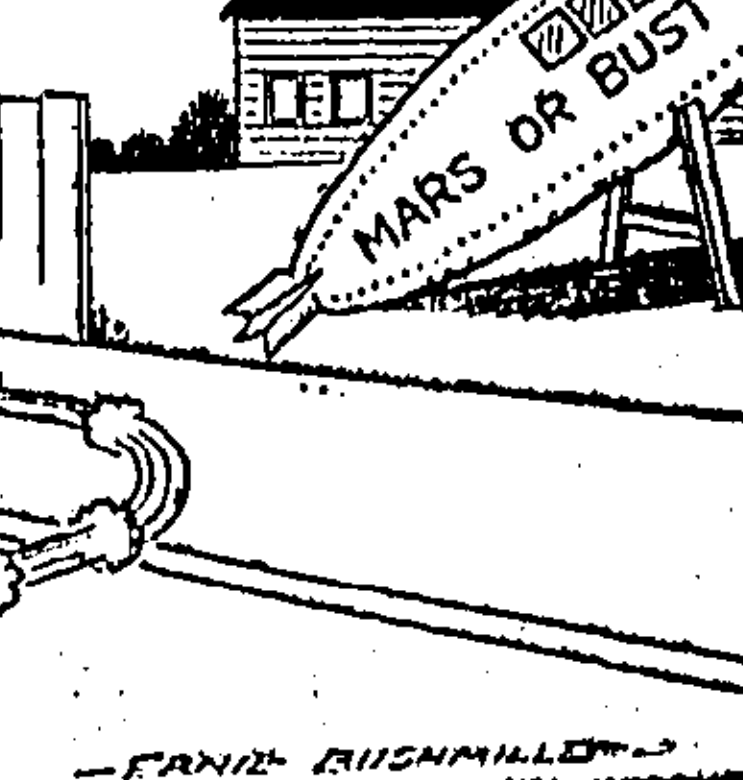
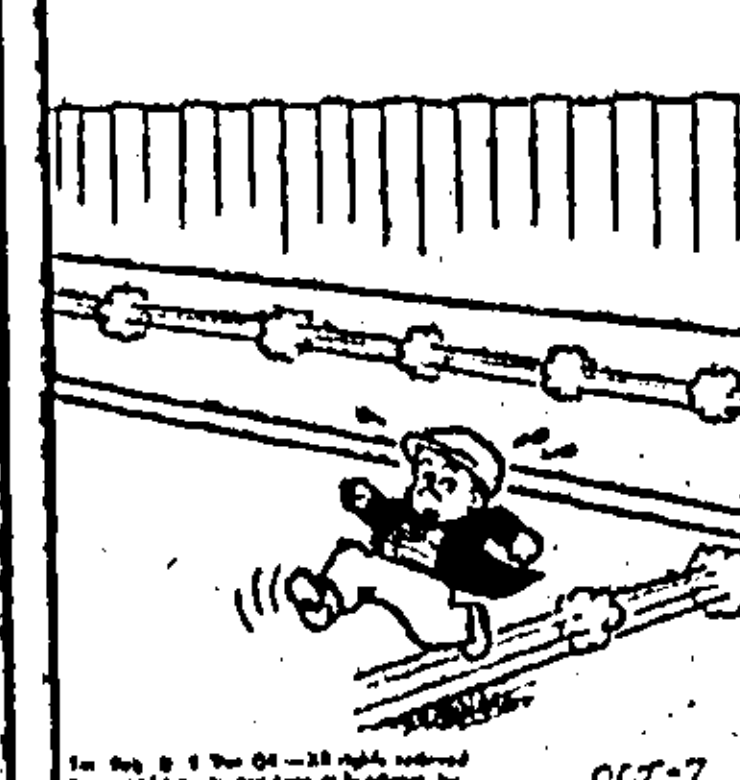
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



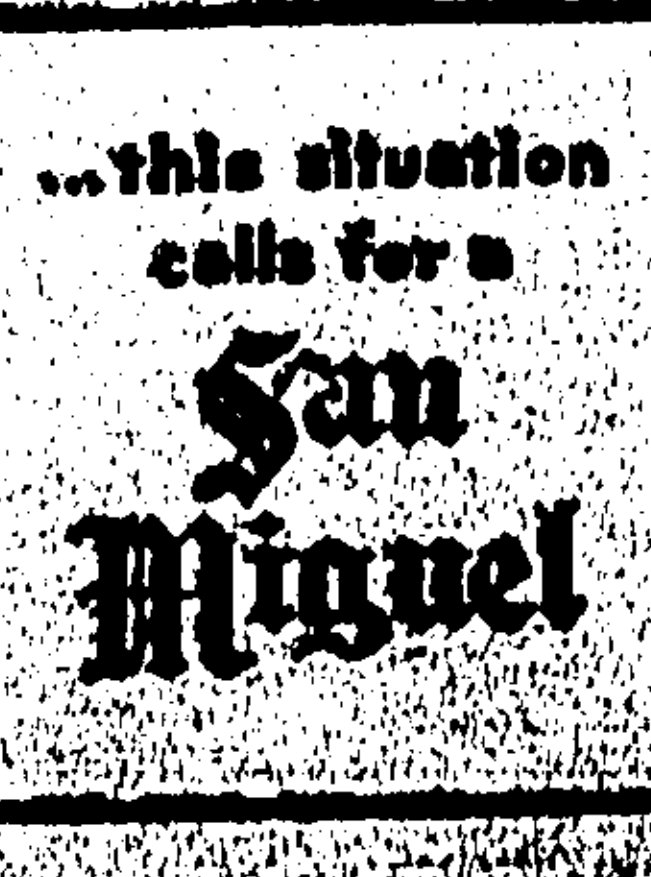
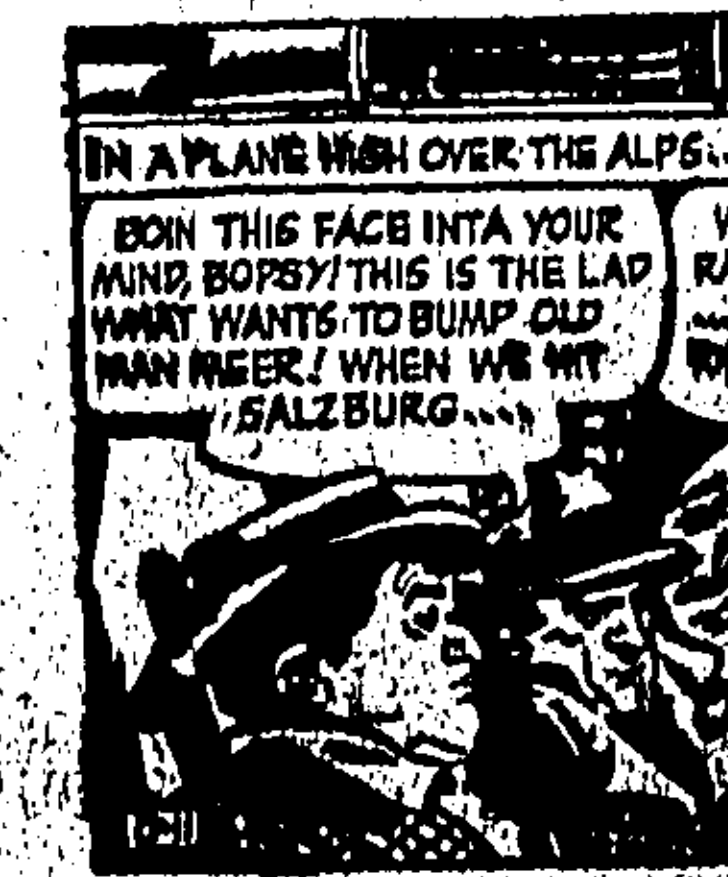
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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## A BETTER WEEK FOR SHARES

Docks Rise \$2 On Reports Of Hunghom Land Sale  
BALANCE SHEETS REVIEWED

By A Special Correspondent

The share market kept on an even keel this week and the main feature was the spirited rise in Hongkong Docks on reports that the sale of the company's land at Hunghom had at last been completed.

About 23,000 shares changed hands during the week and at one stage they were \$2 above last Thursday's rates. They closed yesterday \$1.90 up on a turnover of almost 14,000 shares, almost half the day's total volume of business.

Brokers report that there has been a slightly firmer undertone this week and better sentiment resulted in a slight increase in business—up from \$2.6 million last week to \$3.4 million.

The tally of 17 regularly traded shares shows that four were steady, seven were higher and six lower than the previous week.

Company reports got a mixed reception this week. The China Light balance sheet was well received, as was the reported news of the Docks land sale.

The Wheelocks balance sheet contained one or two surprises. Added to this was a carry forward from last year of \$2,087,039 (1,208,837) making a total of \$11,554,267 (\$10,497,039). Dividend is absorbed \$9,240,000 (\$8,400,000) leaving \$2,314,267 to be carried forward to next year's accounts. Total capital and reserves stated at \$73,709,880 against \$60,091,467 last year. Total fixed assets are \$60,459,966 against \$60,893,363 last year.

## Significant Feature

One significant feature of the profit and loss account was the transfer of \$9,500,000 to the earnings retained and reinvested in the business account (against \$6,000,000 last year) from income of \$21,826,255 (\$17,915,451). This account now stands at \$19,500,000 which the Chairman, Mr. A. Raymond says is for "large-scale plans for development together with the company's growing normal commitments."

An accompanying chart shows that this year there was a 17% per cent increase in generation (16 per cent last year) and 10.8 per cent increase in the number of new consumers (7.3 per cent last year). To meet the growing demand both by domestic and industrial consumers (104 new factories were connected with the China Light & Power system during the year) the company is adding 50,000 kilowatts to its generating capacity.

A new building is to be erected by the H.K. Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd. near the old power station. In addition, the company is to undertake a reclamation project which will provide it with sufficient land "to some years to come."

## One Of The Best

I like Lights as a solid "blue chip" investment. Some brokers say its dividend policy is not as generous as it might be, but considering the steady rise in their dividend in the last few years and the possibilities of capital appreciation in share values, China Lights are one of the best utilities on the market.

Now Wheelocks: I should preface my remarks by saying that at the annual meeting next Friday should shed some light on operations in the first eight months of this financial year which is, I am told by many, one of the best years, if not the very best year in the company's history.

This, I understand, is largely interest on the Japanese loans.

The surprise was as I was concerned—and I hear it caused surprise to shareholders as well—was the increase in the bank overdrafts (secured) from \$160,000 to \$12,802,286. The reason for this overdraft is possibly to be found in the next column where, for example, investments in associated and other companies at cost are up from \$1,319,450 to \$5,765,925 (an increase of about \$4.4 million) and, under current assets, the amounts due from subsidiary companies are up from \$883,405 to \$2,879,106 (an increase of about \$2 million), amounts due from associated companies up from \$85,201 to \$5,823,383 (an increase of about \$5.7 million) and shipping loans (Hongkong) from \$1,344,287 to \$4,879,453 (an increase of about \$3.5 million).

Also, if you look at the balance sheets of two of Wheelocks' associated companies you will see in the Yangtze Finance sheet liabilities to Wheelock Marden of \$3,108 million, and in Textile Corporation, liabilities of \$2,160 million.

The Japanese shipping loans are down slightly from \$38,572,079 to \$37,672,038. This again may cause some surprise to those who do not know that although there have been encouraging returns from Japan, these have taken place in the present financial year. The Chairman, Mr. G. E. Marden may shed some light on this in his report next Friday.

## Hopes Disvelled

But I think the point that concerns shareholders most—particularly those who had been looking for a possible interim dividend for the 1955-56 year—is that the company has to pay back more than \$12 million to the bank (though it may be less now). This obviously has an effect on everything else. And in Ice House Street the feeling is that there is now little chance of an interim dividend, of course, it does not mean that there is no chance of a higher distribution in some form at the end of the year providing the overdraft is paid off or at least substantially reduced.

So much for Wheelocks for the time being. I hope I will be able to make a reference to the Chairman's speech in these columns next week, but as the meeting is on Friday morning and as I generally write this report on Thursday night, I will report on Friday, but a very sketchy reference.

The Nanyang Interim of 30 cents came as a rather unpleasant surprise to many. The general expectation was that they would pay 40 cents—the same as last year—and shares fell sharply from \$9.40 to a low of \$8. They closed slightly better at \$8.10 buyers but with no sellers prepared to go below \$8.25.

Elsewhere price changes have been small although, contrary to London movements, Hongkong Banks local register showed slight improvement.

## Utilities Better

Utilities made a better showing this week though most closed below their best levels. Telephones yesterday were particularly active with almost 4,000 changing hands at prices from \$32.4 to \$32.7.

In the wharves section, I continue to hear good reports of China Provident—one of my contacts told me they are doing "fantastically well." They closed steady on the week at \$14.50, Hongkong Wharves after rising from \$17 to \$17.2 last week, closed with sellers offering \$17.1.

This is about all the market news this week. The trend tends to confirm the broker's opinions stated here last week that dullness is likely to continue until after the new year.

## Meagre Titbits

But unless there are further credit restrictions and Heaven forbid if prices are unlikely to go much lower. The most worrying problem to brokers at the moment is how far can the market advance with the existing restrictions and, therefore, to what extent will interest increase?

Chinese banks with slightly more liberal credit facilities may provide some of the capital but there is little inclination among investors at present to feed the bulls and bears of Ice House Street with anything more than meagre titbits. And the daily turnovers testify that it is pretty unappetising stuff.

## TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$410,000. Most quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS					
HK Bank	1000	1000	0	10	1000
Union	1000	1000	0	10	1000
INSURANCES					
Union	910	920	30	3	913
Provident	100	100	0	10	100
DOCKS, ETC.					
Dock	29.00	29.00	100	6	29
Wheelocks	14.40	14.40	0	10	14.40
W. & A. K. D.	0.20	0.20	0	10	0.20
LAND, ETC.					
HK Hotel	17.20	17.30	0	10	17.20
HK Land	50	50	0	10	50
Realty	2.40	2.40	1000	0	1.07 1/2
RUBBER					
A. Rubber	1.50	1.50	0	10	1.50
UTILITIES					
Light	22.20	22.30	400	0	22.30
Star Ferry	130	130	0	10	130
C. Light (O)	21.40	21 1/2	500	0	21.40
Electric (N)	15.70	16	100	0	15.70
Telephone	32	32 1/2	100	0	32
INDUSTRIALS					
Consolidated	34	34 1/2	0	10	34
STORES, ETC.					
W. & A. K. D.	18.00	18.00	300	0	18.00
W. & A. K. D.	18.00	18.00	300	0	18.00
COTTONS					
Textiles	6.90	6.90	0	10	6.90
Nanyang X.D.	7.50	7.50	0	10	7.50
MISCELLANEOUS					
Airco X.D.	0.35	0.35	0	10	0.35

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## ★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

Share	Nov 17	Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 8	Up or down
HK Bank	1055	1005	1005	1080	+85
Unions	915xd	915	915	915sm	steady
HK Wharf	67	67	72	71s	-1
Wheelocks	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	steady
Provident	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	steady
HK Docks	26.80	27.80	27.80	29.70	+19.90
Hotel	16.80b	17.40	17.10	17.30	+20c
Land	58 1/2	60 1/2	60	59 1/2	-50c
Tram	22.20	22.90	22.60	22.30	-30c
Yamaui	101s	103	102	102	steady
Lights (a)	21	22.20	22.20	22.40sd	steady
Lights (n)	15.50	16.00	16.40	16md	+10c
Electric	38 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	+25c
Telephone	31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	32	+25c
Cement	34	34 1/2	33 1/2	34	+25c
Dairy Farm	18 1/2	18.80	18 1/2	18.30	-20c
Yangtze	7s	7	6.80n	6 1/2	-30c

## New York Stocks Break Through

New York, Dec. 8.

Stocks, for the first time in the 11 weeks since President Eisenhower's illness, broke through today into new all-time high ground.

Industrial shares, sparked by leaders such as Bethlehem Steel and Du Pont, negotiated the upside barrier in their average.

The Industrials closed 1.45 to 487.80, compared with the previous high of 487.75 in the session before Sept. 23 when the President's heart attack touched off one of the sharpest market breaks in history.

Industrials and utilities went along with gains of 0.06 cent in their averages.

After a late push in the industrials with gains ranging to almost 5 points in North American, nearly 3 in Chance Vought and Lockheed.

There were gains of nearly 2 points each in Bethlehem and Crucible in the steels.

## Stock Split

Northern Pacific featured rallies when it responded to a two-for-one stock split and increased dividend.

Honolulu stood out in the oils with a rise of nearly 2. Machines gained 5 points.

Bonquet, appearing on long strings of blocks ranging to 50,000 shares, set an impressive total of 367,800 shares traded. It added 1/4 point to a new high at \$14.

Volume for the session amounted to 2,970,000 shares. On a total 1,180 issues traded, there were 321 higher, 386 lower.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,160,000. American Stock Exchange volume was \$600,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 487.80  
20 rails 163.00  
15 utilities 173.50  
60 stocks 173.50  
40 bonds 98.49  
Common future price index 109.87  
Money future price index 407.10

## Closing Prices

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### The Mocking-Bird

THE role that Lucy thinks suits her best is that of a lady of leisure. The mocking-bird from its perch somewhere out of Lucy's reach and out of her sight, sings to her shrilly all day long that leisure and laughter and luxury should be her lot. And Lucy believes it all.

She is a tall, slim, pretty girl of 23, whose black hair tumbles over her shoulders, and whose scarlet lips frame a generous mouth.

Four years ago, Lucy married WORK AND PERIAPS she was at fault, perhaps her husband was whichever, the marriage did not last long. Lucy returned home to live with her mother.

She got a job as a shop assistant, kept it for nearly a year, then left. She took work in a factory, and was there for about the same length of time before what had been, a suspicion grew into a certainty with her—work was better left to other people. The only other person on hand immediately was her mother, who, to Lucy's satisfaction, found a job she could do in the evenings, after the household chores were done, and thus help to support her daughter.

**LEISURE** SINCE the beginning of this year, Lucy has lived that sort of life of leisure—lying late in bed in the mornings, idling her way through her days, seeking such fun as she might in the evenings. It was the kind of life that would have been most people stiff, but it did not bore Lucy.

One evening recently, however, Lucy did find herself momentarily at a loss for something to do. She had no money, and most of the things that Lucy enjoyed cost money.

There was only one source of the article in the house. The gas meter, Lucy forced it with a clothes-hook, and helped herself to the 22 it contained.

**MY FRIEND DID IT** It was some weeks before Lucy's crime was discovered, but when the police called Lucy had a story ready. "It was my friend who did it," she said. "That boy that's on the demand for another job."

The police questioned the young man who was awaiting trial on another matter. They came away satisfied that Lucy's crime was all her own doing. At Marlborough Street she pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing £2 from the Gas Board.

The police told the story to Mr. K. J. P. Barracough. When they had done, the magistrate asked Lucy what she had to say.

**NEW SORT OF LEISURE** Lucy tapped the floor of the dock with the toe of her shoe, and looked back her head and said: "Nothing."

"This girl's mother is here," the policeman said. "She says her daughter's trouble is that she's inclined to be lazy."

The magistrate nodded and asked Mrs. Gray, the probation officer, whether she knew anything about Lucy. "Yes," Mrs. Gray said. "The mother came to me four months ago, very worried because this girl wouldn't do any work."

"She sounds frightfully adrift. This sounds a very likely case for you," the magistrate said. Mrs. Gray nodded.

Suddenly Lucy opened her scarlet lips. "Can I say something?" she asked. "Well, I would go to work," she went on. "Only there's this young fellow, and he's the cause of my nerves and."

"We'll let the doctor look at your nerves," said the magistrate. He remained Lucy in custody for a medical report. "Well, of all the," Lucy said, and she turned and marched out at a spanking pace. The mocking-bird had changed its tune and sang of a frightening new sort of leisure.

### Seat Retained With Bigger Majority

Greenock, Scotland, Dec. 9. The British Labour Party today held its seat in a Greenock parliamentary by-election by a significantly increased majority.

The Labour candidate, Dr. J. D. Mabon, had a majority of 2,004 compared with 1,033 votes by which the late Mr. Hector McNeil won the seat at the general election last May. The result declared early today was Dr. J. Dickson Mabon 19,098, Ian MacArthur (Conservative) 17,004. This was Labour's second local election success in 24 hours. Yesterday a Labour candidate recorded a 2-1 victory in Gateshead, Northeast England, slightly increasing the Party's share of the poll. Gateshead is a Labour stronghold but the port of Greenock was regarded as highly sensitive to slight changes of opinion.

Greenock voters had a chance to reflect the swing of sentiment towards the Labour Party after the retirement 24 hours earlier of Mr. Clement Attlee as Party leader.—Reuter.

### 19 Terrorists Rounded Up

Constantine, Dec. 8. The police wiped out an entire terrorist organization here in a vast dragnet operation carried out during the past few days. The operation netted 19 youthful terrorists, ranging in ages from 18 to 30 years, who have since made complete confessions, the police said.

The organization was responsible for some 20 murders or attempted murders and several bomb attacks carried out since May 1.

The roundup operation also netted 10 pistols, four home made bombs, 43 sticks of dynamite, some 30 yards of dynamite fuse and 10 dynamite caps.—France-Press.

## Will Not Easily Be Duped

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the undoing of the present injustice which separates 17,000,000 Germans from the great body of their fellows."

The Secretary also urged the Western European nations "to continue to develop their unity, not merely for defence, but also for well-being."

He said that he hoped the forthcoming NATO ministerial meeting would "lighten the bonds which join the 15 NATO partners" and said, "There is also a need for unity on a more intimate basis among the continental nations themselves."

The Secretary said that the development of European unity, particularly along lines such as the European "coal and steel" community, "is bound to exert a powerful influence on Eastern European countries. If the Western European countries find, in unity, increased prosperity, there will be increasing pressure in the satellite countries for independent Governments responsive to the needs and aspirations of the people."

"This may speed the day when the Soviet rulers will come to realize that to hold these Eastern European nations in subjugation involves an obsolete reactionary practice, entailing costs, moral and material, far outweighing the seeming advantages."

### NEW TARGETS

Mr. Dulles said, "The Soviet rulers, balked in their effort to extend their influence by force, have picked the underdeveloped countries of the world 'as targets of their guile.'"

"The Soviet people seriously lack many of the commodities of everyday living," he continued. "The satellite peoples are particularly exploited and their standards of living have been seriously reduced. But the Soviet rulers find it easy to neglect these needs while professing concern for the welfare of those whom they call colonial and dependent peoples whose amalgamation into the Soviet Communist orbit has always been an open goal of Soviet policy."

The Secretary warned his listeners against being misled by the Soviet peace offensive. He said that since last spring the Russian "phase of violence" seems to have undergone an eclipse. But we should remember that one of the doctrines taught by Lenin and constantly emphasized by Stalin was the need for zigzag in prudence, therefore we must act on the assumption that the present Soviet policies do not mark a change of purpose but a change of tactics."

Declaring that the United States does not "want policies of violence to reappear," he said that it was important to remember that it was the collective security policies of the Western Powers which have "caused the Soviet Union to shift."

### Attlee's Title Forecast

London, Dec. 8. Mr. Clement Attlee may become the Earl of Dorking, it was reported tonight. The Attlee family has been in business in Dorking, in the county of Surrey, for many years.—United Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I know I put my billfold in here, Mr. Schultz—it looks like some pickpocket beat you to it this time!"

### Stage Club Presents "The Miser"

## Personal Triumph For Rei Oblitas

Last night's performance of "The Miser" was a personal triumph for Rei Oblitas. Rarely has a prestige play received such a reception, and rarely, on the Hongkong stage, has a part calling for such sustained acting been given such excellent treatment. Oblitas went through the whole gamut of emotions; it was a convincing and truer to life than life itself.

Yet the supporting cast stood out well, right down to the smallest part. It was evident that nothing had been left to chance, and that stage direction had proceeded with scrupulous attention to detail.

I should make it clear right away that "The Miser" by Moliere, is everyone's play. It is a full of surprises, odd twists, and the most unexpected ending, so that the audience sat tight in their seats until the curtain fell.

The beginning is conventional enough, the usual blent about the old man being a "tightwad" but in this case it is really true. Harpagon, the Miser, (Rei Oblitas) even begrudges his son (Geoffrey Lupton) the clothes the latter wears, which seemed to me the period "Teddy boy" get-up.

### QUITE A MISER

Once he is in character, we get to know what kind of miser we are dealing with. He is prepared to marry off his daughter Elise (Christine McDonald) quickly to save finding a dowry, while the thought of having to provide a supper reduces him, and us, to tears. His cook-cum-coachman, Jacques (Roland Dalrymple) not only has to feed the horses out of his own pocket, but is expected to provide the supper in the same way. Even attractive Frosine (Audrey Mendes) who would have most men running in circles, is unable to coax him to think out of the old skinflint. The atmosphere was so catching that during the first interval the bar was almost empty. The only action the Miser performed that is heartily approved

### New Official JP

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. J. W. Browett to be an official Justice of the Peace for the Colony of Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

## Harry Ore Given Ovation At Concert

This first concert this season of the Sino-British Orchestra under its regular conductor, Prof. Arrigo Ron, was held last night at Queen's College. The attendance was most encouraging, and was understandable in view of the special nature of this concert, which was a 70th birthday celebration for Prof. Harry Ore who has long been well-known in Hongkong musical circles both on account of his work for music and his genial character.

The first half of the concert was devoted to two standard works, the Overture to Weber's "Euryanthe" and Haydn's "Clock" Symphony, No. 101. During the Overture, the Orchestra, who had not performed in that hall for some time (except for the School concert the previous day) was "playing itself in" and seemed a little diffident and not quite at ease until the last gesture. Haydn's "Clock" Symphony, however,

received a very fine performance. The first violins played throughout with a nice delicacy, and in spite of their fairly small numbers, were clear and vigorous. The "ticking" in the slow movement was effectively given by the lower strings. This is one of Haydn's loveliest and warmest symphonies, and the standard of performance last night was comparable with that of many fully professional orchestras.

After the interval, came Prof. Harry Ore's music, first two short orchestral pieces, "Album Leaf in C" is a fragmentary, pleasantly evocative, little item in a quasiclassical form, being a melody of eight bars repeated with many variants. "Golden Rain from the Weeping Willow" is a lyrical arrangement of a popular Cantonese folk song, and has been most effectively scored by Prof. Ore. It was interesting to compare his treatment with that of Mr. Lin

Sheng-shih whose works, based on Chinese folk tunes, we heard last month.

Prof. Ore came onto the platform to receive an ovation, and stayed to be the soloist in his "Latvian Concerto," for piano and orchestra. This is based on a series of charming songs of his native Latvia, some wistful, others gay. The work is in the proper classical form, and the melodies are skillfully used, particularly the sad "Orphan's Lament" which constitutes the subject of the slow movement, and the jolly nursery tune in the last movement.

Prof. Ore was in great form pianistically, and received a great welcome. He gave two encores, one by Tchaikovsky, and one by Beethoven, of whose music we were sometimes reminded during the Concerto. We hope Prof. Ore will continue to write compositions for Hongkong audiences whom he has already so greatly benefited.—J.C.

## Bigamy Trial Ends Abruptly: Accused Discharged

The trial of a 23-year-old student, John Himmon, charged with bigamy, came to an abrupt end when Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, offered no further evidence against accused during the testimony of a Chinese law expert before Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Judge Scholes then found the accused not guilty and discharged him.

This morning, Mr. Him-yuen Loo, Barrister-at-law, who had been practising in China and was at one time Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canton, testified that if one of the six ceremonies carried in a Chinese marriage was missing, this would make the marriage invalid.

Mr. Greenfield then asked for the Court's indulgence and returned a little later. He said he had no evidence that the six ceremonies were actually carried out during the alleged wedding between the accused and Chiu Yuet-ching and would therefore offer no further evidence.

The accused was represented by Mr. Francis Wong, of Messrs C. Y. Kwan and Co. He was alleged to have married a woman on July 10, 1955, during the life of his wife Chiu Yuet-ching.

The accused is facing another charge of perjury, the hearing of which was adjourned to this afternoon.

## Ticket Scalper Fined \$250

Kwong Kwai, a 28-year-old stone mason residing at 432 Queen's Road West, ground floor, was fined \$250 or two months, by Mr. F. X. D'Almada at Central today, for black-marketing cinema tickets.

On December 8, defendant was seen offering for sale, six front stall tickets for the Tal Ping Theatre valued at 70 cents each, for 90 cents.

His Worship said that it was people like defendant who stopped poor people from going to shows, and having something to do in their spare time. Defendant had two previous convictions for a similar offence.

## Tenders For New Ferry Service

Tenders were invited in the Government Gazette today for a licence for the exclusive right to maintain a ferry service for the conveyance of passengers between Shaikwan, Kowloon, Mill, Yuen Chau and Hongkai within the harbour limits and within partially sheltered waters.

The licence is for a period of three years, beginning February 1, 1956.

Sealed tenders in duplicate will be received at the office of the Chairman of the Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, until noon on December 23.

## Dumped Rubbish

Li Kei, 36-year-old foreman of the Sun Wai Company, was this morning fined \$100 for illegally dumping rubbish when he appeared before Mr. F. X. D'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court.

The prosecution stated that defendant was arrested on December 8 outside No. 10 Smithfield Road where he had dumped rubbish consisting of debris and earth.

Before defendant was arrested he had been warned by Mr. R. Pereira Crown Land Officer.

## Ranks Confirmed

H.E. the Governor has approved the confirmation in rank of the following members of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. It was announced in the Government Gazette today: I. H. G. Thomson (Lieutenant), A. D. Scholes (Lieutenant), T. V. Shaw (Lieutenant), B. G. W. Weldon (Lieutenant), R. W. Clegg (Lieutenant-Commander).

## Latest Government Appointments

In accordance with instructions received from Her Majesty the Queen through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. D. R. Holmes to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

It was also announced that Dr. G. Graham-Cumming has been appointed Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr. P. Donohue to be Assistant Director of Education; Mr. Cheong Wai-tung to be Senior Education Officer; Mr. C. G. Lowe to be Senior Education Officer; Mr. F. E. L. Carter to be Director of Audit; Mr. Fong Yick-tai, Chief Inspector of Police, to be Assistant Superintendent of Police; Mr. R. W. Bocker to be Acting Senior Radiographer, during the absence of Mr. Willsher.

It was also notified that Mr. W. H. Williams has resumed his duties as Deputy Director of Audit, vice Mr. G. C. Jarvis, Senior Auditor. Mr. A. MacInnes has ceased to act as Senior Auditor on the resumption of duty of Mr. Jarvis.

## Radio Hongkong

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Time Signal and Programme Summary: 5.00, Stock Market Report; 5.05, Programme for Children presented by Valerie (Studio); 5.30, "Popularity" presented by John; 5.45, Predict the Three Top Times and the week to win \$30 (Studio); 6.00, Weather Report; Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 7.00, Commercial Announcements; 7.15, Jazz Half Hour, presented by Robert; 7.30, "The News" presented by Valerie; 7.45, "The News" presented by Valerie; 7.55, "The News" presented by Valerie; 8.00, "The News" presented by Valerie; 8.15, "The News" presented by Valerie; 8.30, "The News" presented by Valerie; 8.45, "The News" presented by Valerie; 9.00, "The News" presented by Valerie; 9.15, "The News" presented by Valerie; 9.30, "The News" presented by Valerie; 9.45, "The News" presented by Valerie; 10.00, "The News" presented by Valerie; 10.15, "The News" presented by Valerie; 10.30, "The News" presented by Valerie; 10.45, "The News" presented by Valerie; 11.00, "The News" presented by Valerie; 11.15, "The News" presented by Valerie; 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